



Year 5 Newsletter



Autumn 1—2023/2024

Notices and Reminders

PE Kits should be in school all week.

Swimming finishes at Half Term.

As the weather changes please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day.



Key dates

16th October Swimming Lesson

17th October Parents' Evening

18th October Class Photos

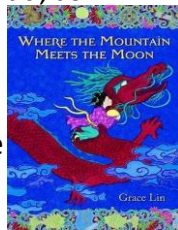
19th October Parents' Evening

20th October Snufti Day

Reading

This term we are reading *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin. This is a fantasy adventure inspired by Chinese folklore, which tells of the quest of the protagonist (Minli) to change her family's fortune. Children have opportunities to listen and read aloud, as well as reading independently.

During the lessons, we discuss key vocabulary and questions that improve their understanding of the text.



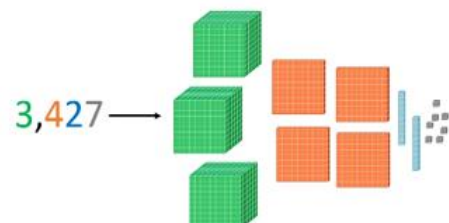
Writing

In writing this term we are learning about different aspects of grammar. We have been using these aspects of grammar to create exciting narratives in our shared writes and in our own independent writing.



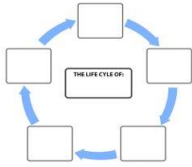
Maths

In maths, we are learning about place value, exploring the composition of numbers in a variety of representations. We will also be learning both mental and formal written methods of addition and subtraction.



Science

This half term, we are learning how to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will also describe the life process of reproduction in plants and learn about famous naturalists.



History

In history this term, the pupils will be learning about how Britain was conquered by the Roman Empire and what life was like as a result. They will then explore how Britain was impacted by the withdrawal of the Roman Empire and the subsequent settling by the Anglo-Saxons.



Art

This half term we are looking at landscapes and how we can draw them using tone, shape and texture. We will then move on to look at Frida Kahlo and her contributions to surrealism before creating our very own surrealist



PE

This half term, pupils will be focusing on invasion games, specifically netball. They will practise the skills of throwing, catching, pivoting, defending and attacking.



RE

Our topic in R.E. this half term is Hinduism, specifically learning about their different beliefs. This will include learning about their God and His deities, reincarnation and how they believe they should live their lives.



PSHE

In PSHE this half term, we are focusing on our identities. We will look at what makes up our own identities and then speak about possible stereotypes and the impact these can have.



Homework

Reading Your child should read at least 5 times a week. These reads are recorded in their reading record books. The reading record books are checked every Friday.

Spellings Given out Tuesday for a spelling test the following Tuesday.

Mathematics Given out Thursdays due in the following Thursdays

Suggested books for reading

