



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

PE –Days this half term :

Giraffes – Mondays

Zebras - Wednesdays

PE Kits should be in school all week.

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



Key dates

Monday 30th October
Harvest Assembly

Friday 10th November
Remembrance
(Scouting / Guiding Uniforms can be worn)

1st, 8th & 15th December
Christmas Jumper Fridays

Monday 11th December
Phyllis Tuckwell Elf Run

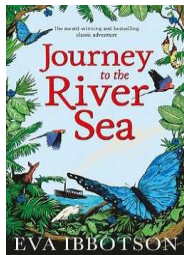
Wednesday 13th December
Pupil Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December
Last day of term

Reading

This term we will complete 'Where the Mountain Meets the Moon' by Grace Lin. Our new text will be 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. This is an adventure story following Maia, an orphan girl, who travels to South America to live with relatives.

Children will continue to be primary, secondary and independent readers, whilst also developing their comprehension skills.



Writing

This term we will be starting our new writing unit, following the story of Smaug the dragon and creating our own exciting narratives. The children will have a chance to practise their narrative skills and put into action all of the descriptive tools we have given them in the previous half term. We are really excited to see which stories they come up with.



Maths

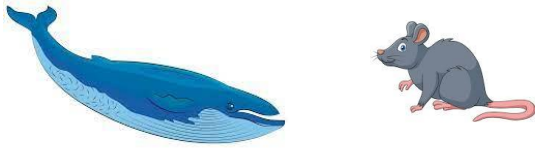
In maths, we will be focusing on fractions, building a deeper understanding of equivalent fractions, before moving onto exploring mixed and improper fractions. Using a range of representations, we will apply this understanding to adding and subtracting fractions.

$$\frac{5}{2} \rightarrow 2\frac{1}{2}$$

Improper fraction Mixed fraction

Science

In science, we will be noticing how humans change as we age and learning about changes during adolescence. We will then investigate if larger animals have longer gestation periods.



History

In history, we will be learning about how the Romans conquered Britain and how this affected life for the Britons. We will explore how the Romans came to leave Britain and how the Anglo-Saxons subsequently took over most of Britain.



Art

In art, we will experiment with paint and mixed media. We will take inspiration from the work of Njideka Akunyili Crosby and Van Gogh to create our own mixed media piece.



PE

In PE, we will develop our dancing skills, specifically looking at street dance. We will be developing, performing and evaluating our own dances in small groups.



RE

In RE, we will learn about why certain individuals believe in a god, specifically focussing on how God and angels are viewed. We will also be covering independent views towards religion and how these can be different from person to person.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will learn how to help in an emergency. We will discuss the important steps when helping a person in need, specifically if they have a cut, are choking, having an asthma attack or allergic reaction.



Homework

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

Maths - Given out Thursday due in the following Thursday.

Reading – Minimum 5 times a week recorded in reading record. Adult signature once a week.

Reading records are checked every Friday.
Lexia Users: A 20 minute session of Lexia at home can count a one read each week.

Suggested books for reading

