

Y5 Spring Newsletter

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a lovely break and a very merry Christmas. I am looking forward to a new term and new year with Year 5. We have some great lessons and learning ahead as part of our new topic – **‘Wonderful Water’**. Below is a brief overview of things ahead:

English:

In English this term, we will really be focussing upon improving our writing by using parenthesis (brackets, dashes and commas) as well as including figurative writing techniques in our descriptive writing. We will also be learning how to build cohesion in our writing, by using cohesive devices such as adverbials and conjunctions.

We will be reading a book called ‘Kensuke’s Kingdom’ by Michael Morpugo, which links into our topic in foundation subjects – Wonderful Water.

Maths:

In Maths, we will be continuing to look at fractions. We will also spend more time this term looking at decimals and introduce percentages.

We will continue to practise our calculation strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; however we will be doing this through more problem solving and reasoning activities.

We will also revisit Roman numerals.

This term we will also spend more time looking at measurements. We will learn how to convert between units of measurement and will also learn how to estimate and measure volume.

Topic

Our topic for this term is ‘Wonderful Water’.

In Geography we will be learning about rivers, seas and waterways.

In History, we will look at the disastrous maiden voyage of the Titanic.

In Art and DT we will look at work by Claude Monet as well as the designs of different bridges.

Science

During the first half of the Spring term, children will be completing more Science lessons than usual. This is because we are very lucky to have two Science students coming to work with the children on our topic of ‘Forces’. They will bring their expertise to lessons, as well as being able to provide resources from the University and the possibility of a field trip centred around studying forces.

Reading Books

In Year 5, we are aware that many of the children prefer to read long, chapter books at home rather than books from our classroom. This is something that we are happy to encourage. Could you please ensure that these reading sessions are still recorded in the children’s reading records, so that we may keep a record of all the reading they are doing at home. I would like to thank-you in advance for your support with this.

INSPIRE

Our second Inspire workshop will take place on Wednesday 28th February.

The workshop will have an English focus and will concentrate on SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar).