

Y5 Summer Newsletter

Welcome back to everyone in Year 5 – I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for the final term ahead. Below is a brief overview of the topics and areas of the curriculum we will be covering this term.

English:

In English this term, we will start by looking at Mystery and Suspense. We will read extracts from a novel called 'The Nowhere Emporium' and complete writing based upon the book. We will look at how writers create a sense of mystery and suspense in their writing. We will then move onto crime writing inspired by the game, Cluedo.

In SPaG lessons, we will continue to work on using relative clauses in our writing. We will also be learning how to use a greater range of punctuation, including colons to introduce lists and semi-colons to separate items in more complex lists.

Maths:

In Maths, we will work on consolidating all we have learnt so far this year.

We will continue to revisit the following:

- Fractions, decimals and percentages.
 - Angles
- Problem solving (particularly multi-step problems)
 - Measures
- Translations and reflections
 - Perimeter and area

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Knights and Castles'. We will be learning about

- The Norman invasion of Britain.
- Different types of castles and their features
 - Medieval medicine
 - Medieval art

Science

During the first half of the Summer term, our topic is 'Circle of Life'.

We will be learning about the life cycles of different animals including mammals, fish, insects, birds, reptiles and amphibians. We will also learn how plants reproduce.

In the final half of the Summer term, our topic will be 'Super Scientists'. We will be learning about some famous scientists and scientific findings of the past.

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.

BUDDIES

This term, we will be spending some time preparing for our buddies' assembly. Children will each be assigned two 'buddies' (children from the new Reception intake) and will design their own 'buddy book' to welcome their buddy to Maney Hill.