



Y5 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1

Celebrating last half term

We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and New Year. In Autumn 2, Y5 continued their excellent start to the year and have established a mature, positive attitude to learning. The children displayed fantastic scientific skills in their project on Space and Forces as well as expanding their geographical knowledge. We particularly enjoyed the Wonderdome visit! We have been impressed by the standard of writing and the children's mathematical skills are improving. We are looking forward to a really positive start to 2024!

Useful information

Our PE days are:

- Y5LN – Wednesday and Friday
- Y5JE – Monday and Wednesday
- Y5KL – Wednesday and Friday

As part of our computing curriculum, we are lucky enough to have Sheffield Girls High Outreach Programme to teach us all about programming robots. Each class will have three afternoons with them throughout the Spring term.

Project theme for this half term- What was the Golden Age of Islam? In this history project, the children will be learning about the Golden Age of Islam. They will be exploring the following questions:

- Why is it important to study Islam in the period C900AD?
- How were the Arabic people able to spread so far and so quickly?
- What can we learn about Islam from the way that Baghdad was organised?
- What was special about the city of Baghdad?
- Which early Islamic achievements have had the most effect on our lives today?

English

This half term the children will be learning to write explanation texts and will be retelling a story. Our writing is linked to our project as this gives the children a context for their writing and helps them to produce their best.

In SPaG we will continue to revise all of the KS2 punctuation and grammar. In addition to this, we will be learning to use commas to clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity. Every two weeks, the children will be given a new set of spellings to learn, based on specific spelling rules or pattern.

The children will have a dedicated reading lesson three days a week as well as daily reading for pleasure time. These sessions give the children the opportunity to fully develop a range of reading skills. Our class novel this half term is *The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad* by Saviour Pirotta.

Life skills

In our Life Skills work this half term, we shall be considering the following question: How can I protect the environment and show compassion towards others?

Ways to support your child at home

Home learning tasks will be included in each child's book.

Other useful home learning tasks include:

- Timestable Rockstar
- Reading (reading records will be sent home)
- Spelling revision
- Talking to them about Life Skills lessons
- SPaG.com

Maths

In our daily maths lessons this term we will be covering the following topics:

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Decimals and Percentages

In addition, we will have a weekly 'Basic Skills' arithmetic lesson and two 'Flashback Maths' sessions which focus on revisiting and consolidating prior learning.