

Year 5 Summer Term 2022

Welcome back to our final term in Year 5!

Topic - History/Geography

We begin this term with the history topic all about the Early Islamic Civilisations. We will consider how we can learn about their culture from their art and architecture, and learn about their methods of travel/trade so we can make a comparison with the methods used by the Vikings.

After half-term, we will move on to Geography, when we will be studying the mountains, rivers and populations of North America.

Reading

We have just started our new class book: *Asha and the Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan, which tells the story of a young girl making a dangerous journey through the Himalayas in search of her father.



HOMEWORK: Please continue to sign your child's reading record every time they read at home, thank you. Reading books/records should be in school each day and will be usually be checked on a Monday.

Spellings

HOMEWORK: Words are set with a test for the children to complete each week on SpellingFrame, running Sunday to Sunday. Children will also be given a Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check sheet to complete at home.

English

This half-term we are reading stories from other cultures and will use the story we read in our English lessons to write our own episode, incorporating pace and suspense. Our non-fiction theme this term will be non-chronological reports.

After half-term we will be reading (and performing) playscripts, and will then write an extra scene for the play that we have studied.

We will also be looking at written discussions/debates, and will consider how to include both sides of an argument in a balanced piece of writing.

Maths

This term we will be:

*converting between units used for measuring mass: grams and kilograms

*converting between units used for measuring length: millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres

*converting between units used for measuring volume: millilitres and litres

*describing the positions of figures in four quadrants (using coordinates) and moving figures by translating and reflecting

*converting units of time and solving time word problems

It is really important that the children continue to practise their times tables regularly on TT Rockstars or MathsFrame.

HOMEWORK: Children will soon be coming home with a Maths Homework book - details will be included with the book.

Science - Mrs. Bayley

In biology we will be deepening our previous research on life-cycles and learning about specific life processes of plants and animals.

In physics we will be investigating how mechanisms, levers and pulleys allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

In chemistry our changing materials experiments continue in order for us to identify and classify reversible and irreversible changes.

PSHE - Mrs. Hewitson

Our first topic is called Being My Best, where we will be thinking about the different skills that we all have, how we can set and achieve our goals, and how we can take more responsibility and become more independent.

During the second half-term, we will be thinking about Growing and Changing. The children will learn about how their bodies and emotions change as they reach puberty.

Music - Mrs. Brooker

This term, our topic is: The Blues. The children will be learning all about this genre of music; listening, exploring and composing.

RE - Mrs. Brooker

We will be looking at the important role that religion can play in people's lives, with a focus on learning about the Islamic religion.

DT/Art - Mrs. Brooker

During the first half-term, we will be learning how bread is made, from field to plate. We will explore breads around the world and will design, make (and taste!) our own bread.

During the second half-term, we will be studying colour and composition by looking at the art of Ben Nicholson and Wassily Kandinsky.

French - Mrs. Hiscox

This term, the children are learning how to describe places in town and give directions.

Sport/Forest School - Mrs. Churchill

The children will have the opportunity to take part in Forest School activities and two sports: rounders and cricket.

Swimming

The children will have an hour's session from 2.30pm-3.30pm at Chard Leisure Centre. Swimming sessions: 7th June, 14th June, 28th June, 5th July & 12th July.

The children will travel to the pool from school by coach and with lessons finishing at the end of the school day, we will need parents and carers to collect their children from the front of the swimming pool at 3.30pm. Whilst consenting on parentpay please leave a note with names of any persons that may collect your child from the pool.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Hewitson