

Year 5 Spring 1 Curriculum Letter

Home Learning

Bug Club, Times Table Rock Stars and REDIWRITER

As the homework expectation has changed across the school this year, we would like to remind you about what should be covered in Year 5:

Home Learning - 4 hrs per day

Reading (15 mins): Bug Club

Times Tables (15 mins): TTRS

REDIWRITER (15 mins): Spellings set every week

Physical activities (15 mins)

Maths (60 mins)

English (60 mins)

Experience Learning (60 mins)

Welcome to our first Spring term in Year 5!

We hope that you had a good Christmas break, despite the inability to see family and friends over this period!

We begin our Spring Term in another national lockdown where schools are closed to most pupils. The government guidance that we have been given is clear that we are to carry on with learning as much as we possibly can. Their expectation is that children, whether in key worker or vulnerable groups at school or learning remotely from home, are learning the same as they would be were the school open.

We understand that this can be really challenging, and we want to support you in any way that we can. If you need anything from us to help ensure that we are doing as much as we can for the children, please email your class teacher on the class emails.

PSHE/Zones of Regulation

It is so important that we look after our well-being in these different circumstances and so, this term we will be focusing a lot on building social skills and being respectful (Respectful Mouse) and ways to help our pupils self-regulate using the Zones of Regulation.

PE

As we are all aware, exercise is extremely important to help with both our physical and mental well-being. PE will be taking place more regularly this half-term. Proper PE kit should be brought into school and changed into before the lesson, and all jewellery should be removed. If for any medical reason, your child cannot take part in a PE lesson, they must have a note explaining the valid reason for not-taking part.

Sycamore and Redwood keyworkers will be doing PE on Friday afternoons.

Experience

This half-term we will be learning about the lives of people in Ancient Greece. We will be looking at the myths and legends that were so important to the Ancient Greeks.

We will be gaining an understanding of how historians know about different time periods.

Equipment and Snack reminder!

Pupils are not to bring in their own equipment into school—all equipment is provided for them. Please remember that only fruit is allowed at breaktime and it should be washed and wrapped separately.

Maths

Now that we have spent the first term recovering learning from year 4, we have moved on to the year 5 curriculum in Maths. We are beginning with place value and numbers. This involves understanding the value of each digit in a number, rounding, counting in multiples and partitioning numbers.

We would appreciate your support at home if you can help work on times-tables and the four operations. Please see the 'How to help at home' section, on the school website for more ideas.

English and Reading

As a school, we are really focusing on building our reading skills, as well as addressing the gaps in learning.

This year, we will be checking the reading diaries twice a week and the expectation is that parents/carers are to sign them, once you have listened to your child read and when your child has completed a book. School reading books and diaries should be brought in every day.

Pupils will also have the opportunity to read silently in school and also to the teacher, throughout the week.

Writing

In Year 5, pupils will be expected to write more and endeavour to use their best handwriting skills, which will be practised frequently. Please encourage your child to check their punctuation and handwriting when completing any writing tasks at home.