

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents/carers and pupils. We look forward to a successful school year, where we will continue to build our school community.

English: This year we will cover the English Curriculum objectives through reading a range of different texts. These texts will consist of a range of different genres, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The children will produce writing linked to each text, carefully covering the grammar, composition and transcription objectives for Year 5.

Vocabulary to be learnt: modal verb, synonym, infer, parenthesis, colon, semi colon, proof-read, editing, figurative language, subjunctive, imperative verb, expanded noun phrase, composition, cohesion, relative clause, persuasion, raps, poetry, homophones, descriptive writing, explanation text, instruction text.

Reading: One of our most important aims is to help the children to become confident readers who will choose reading as an enjoyable activity. In Year 5, children will change their own reading books in their classes and will be encouraged to choose books which are appropriate to their interests and abilities. Children will have the opportunity to take a book home with them from school, and this can be changed at any point. Children should be reading at home daily as now they are in UKS2; reading is a large focus. Jersey library has an excellent selection of free books to borrow. **NOW THEY ARE IN YEAR 5, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHILDREN TO CHANGE THEIR BOOKS WHEN THEY HAVE FINISHED THEM, USING THE SIGN IN/OUT BOOK IN CLASS.**

Spellings: The children will be given weekly, age-appropriate spellings, sent out by email on a Friday. They will have a spelling test every Friday from these words and will have an opportunity in class to practise too. House points will be awarded for full marks!

Handwriting: When appropriate, all children will be using handwriting pens (not ink pens). They will be assessed on their writing in each subject before being awarded a handwriting pen. Children will carry out weekly handwriting lessons to support with their writing.

Mathematics: For each strand of mathematics, children will be given a range of opportunities to develop their fluency, reasoning, and problem-solving skills. The expectation for homework will be that all children practice times tables for 10 minutes daily. This can be on Times Tables Rockstars, Hit the Button or any other games or activities that work for your child. We also encourage that children do regular number bond and telling the time practice at home to support their learning in school. **THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PART OF YEAR 5.**

Vocabulary to be learnt: place value, ten thousands, hundred thousands, millions, hundredths, thousandths, digit, inverse, rounding, decimal, equivalent, notation, measure, remainder, area, perimeter, multiply, divide, lots of, groups, grouped, shared, decimal.

Science: In Science we will be looking at the properties and changes of state of materials including filtering, magnetism, dissolving, evaporation, reversible and irreversible changes, and insulation. The children will have the opportunity to investigate these different concepts through a variety of practical activities.

Vocabulary to be learnt: properties, evaporation, filtering, sieving, melting, irreversible, separating, dissolve, solid, liquids, gases, solution, mixture.

Computing: Year 5 will be learning coding (sprite and events), Computer science (game design), presentations and video editing.

History Topic - Romans This topic will run throughout the whole of the Autumn term. We will begin by learning about the Romans and their place in Europe, why they invaded other countries and how. We will be looking at their armies, the equipment they used and their way of life. We will be having a Roman Assembly (**DATE TO BE CONFIRMED**). We will study Roman artefacts found on Jersey and what part of Rome Jersey belonged to.

Vocabulary to be learnt - centurion, emperor, barbarian, Boudicca, Gaul, amphitheatre, aqueduct, temple, Latin, Roman Numerals shield, standard, gladiator, toga, chariot, villa, mosaics.

Spanish/French: All classes will be taught French by Mrs Morrison. The school uses the Salut Jersey Programme. Weekly lessons for Spanish will also be taught by Ms. Lopez.

Art: In Art during the Autumn Term, Year 5 will be looking at Roman and painting inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat.

P.E:

Lessons are as follows:

5W – Tuesday/ Thursday

5J – Tuesday/ Thursday

5T – Tuesday/Thursday

Autumn 1

Physical Literacy Testing

Throwing & catching through dodgeball & tchoukball, skills in small sided conditioned games developing strategies & tactics.

Autumn 2

Table Tennis: Forehand, Backhand, Serves & Rallies. Emphasis on rallying, match play and officiating once skills are embedded.

Team Games & Fitness (outdoor) tag-based games developing strategy and tactics as a team. Pupils will have an opportunity to create their own versions of games with modified rules.

Level 1 Cycle Training

PE lessons will be delivered by Mr Newton and Mr Catney.

Dance: Kamryn will take them for dance on a **Monday. THEY WILL NEED THEIR P.E KIT.**

Snacks/Water

As we are a healthy school, we would encourage children to bring in a healthy snack (such as fruit) for their break time snack. It is also particularly important now, as the weather will be getting colder, please make sure that children bring in labelled/named coats. **Please we ask for any birthday treats brought in to be pre-cut and individually wrapped. Cupcakes/ bag of sweets would be preferable.**

Uniform

Please be reminded that school shoes are essential on non-PE days and that children should only be wearing PE kits on a Monday and Thursday. **Jewellery and nail varnish should be removed prior to attending school**, and hair **MUST** be tied up. Children's uniform or PE kit **MUST be named**.

Parent sharing lessons

Parents will be invited in to share one of their children's lessons. **DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.**

The following members of staff will be supporting your child's learning whilst they are in Year 5:

Miss Williams, Mrs Johnson AND Miss Troy - Class Teachers

Mr Newton and Mr Catney – P.E.

Kamryn - Dance

Mrs Hopley – Art

Mrs Machala – Teaching Assistants/ Learning Support

Miss Houston - Teaching Assistants/ Learning Support

Mrs Arnett – Music

Mrs Morrison – French

Miss Lopez – Spanish

Many thanks for your on-going support,

Mrs Johnson, Miss Williams and Miss Troy.

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