



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you all had an enjoyable half-term holiday.

Just to let you know the children have settled into Year 5 really well and have impressed me with their eagerness to learn and positive attitudes.

Below is an overview of the topics we will be exploring this half-term.

Autumn Term	
Maths	Number and Place Value; Addition and Subtraction; Multiplication and Division; Perimeter and Area.
English	Using our inference skills; Using text evidence; Writing diary entries; Persuasive Writing; Poetry (Christmas themed)
Science	Forces (including friction and air resistance).
RE	Symbols and symbolism (Year 5 focus on Christianity and Buddhism).
PE	Indoor Athletics; Swimming
PSHE	New Beginnings/Dealing with Fears and Worries/Getting on and Falling Out/ Say No to Bullying
Computing	GPS tasks - editing texts for spelling and punctuation/identifying word classes and grammatical features

PE/Swimming

PE is on Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. Their kit should consist of a white T-shirt, navy or black shorts and black pumps or trainers. Please make sure each item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. In addition, long hair should be tied back and earrings should be taped, but preferably removed for safety.

In light of the current situation, Swimming cannot take place at present. It is hoped it will commence before Christmas - we will update you as soon as we know what is happening.



Due to current circumstances, Thorpe School is trying to limit the volume of resources being sent home and brought back into school, therefore homework tasks will be as follows.



Spelling and Spelling Shed Home Learning

Each Friday, your child will be sent home with a weekly list of spellings to learn and a paper activity related to this. You should not return the paper activity to school. I will also be setting the same spellings on the Spelling Shed website so that your child has further chance to practise.

I will be keeping each weekly spelling list active on the Spelling Shed website until the end of the term so that your child can dip back in and out to practise any rules they may have found tricky. I check and reward the children with honeypots for the games they play each week.

This half-term we are also revisiting the Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words (words which are often misspelt and do not follow spelling rules) as Year 5 children are expected to be able to spell these words in addition to the words set on Spelling Shed. A free online game to practise these is ICT Games Spooky Spellings.



TT Rockstars Home Learning

Time tables will be set for your child to practise on the TT Rockstars website. Your child needs to click on either the *Garage* or *Arena* tab to access the times tables I have set. The other tabs feature all times tables up to 12×12 so if your child is already proficient in the set tables they can also select these games. It is important for your child to practise their times tables so that they are increasingly fast at recalling related multiplication and division facts.



Reading

Your support at home is invaluable and I would ask you to continue to hear your child read as much as possible. Research shows that even 10 minutes shared reading can make a huge difference to not only your child's reading fluency and understanding but also to their overall academic progress.

If your child has progressed to free readers, they may prefer to read a book of their own as opposed to a book from school. When reading with your child, please take time to ask them questions to check their understanding of the vocabulary and content. Please record home reading in your child's reading record. We are continuing with the reading bookmark system your child was familiar with last year. This is a whole school approach to recognise and celebrate home reading.

Silent reading is timetabled at morning registration on Tuesdays and Thursdays so your child needs to make sure they remember their book, reading record and bookmark on these days especially. Reading books can be changed during these sessions and are quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to the reading book baskets.

I hope that this has been helpful and if you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Davidson

Year 5 Class Teacher