

Year 5



Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We have lots of exciting things planned and I know Year 5 will have a great term.

Homework

Task	Day Set	Day Due In
Short English Task - completed on Seesaw	Friday	Friday
Short Maths task – completed on Seesaw	Friday	Friday
Spellings – will be taught in class and then learnt at home ready for Friday. Spelling list will be on Seesaw	Friday	Friday
Reading Log – 20 minutes daily reading should be recorded and then initialled by parents. “Wow” words to be recorded in the comments section along with new vocabulary and meanings. The pupils will now need to record one log during the weekend.	Weekend	Friday

Occasionally there may be a different task set for homework that the children will be asked to complete eg: Researching, Easter Gardens, Art Competitions etc.

Volunteers at School

If any of you are able to listen to readers on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday mornings between 8.55 and 9.20am, please could you let the office know. An up to date DBS will be required. I wish everyone an exciting and successful Spring term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Many thanks

Mrs Wilson

Activity Passport

'The Activity Passport' was launched to encourage more family time and help build children's character and resilience. Every child is encouraged to take part in the tasks that will hopefully help them to build their personal skills and qualities during the school day and at home. These activities will hopefully inspire children to problem-solve, provide opportunities to see or visit new places and develop wide interests in new subjects. The activities are designed to be accessible so that every child and family can get involved. Some of the Year 5 tasks to be completed at home and at school are:

Take part in a debate	Use an OS map
Learn something new about your local area	Go orienteering
Learn a dance from another country	Visit a London Landmark
Make and launch a parachute	Write a story for the Reception class
Write a play	Learn a song in a different language
Put on a performance	At home, make an Easter Garden
Make papier mache planets	At home, do a blind folded taste test
Pick litter in your local area	At home, climb something taller than you
At home, write to your MP	At home, plan and cook a meal

If you have completed any of the Year 5 activities, please let me know and I will update the passport at school.

Forest School

Children will be visiting Forest School every Friday afternoon for the first half of the spring term. Please can you ensure children bring waterproof jackets, wellingtons or walking boots to Forest School. Pupils can wear their own clothes with sensible shoes on the days we attend Forest School.

Equipment for School.

Pupils should be bringing their reading book, reading log, water bottle and their pencil cases to school every day. **Their pencil cases should contain two blue handwriting pens, a red pen, a glue stick and scissors.**

Trips and Activities

We are looking forward to visiting the Bromley Synagogue this term and St Francis of Assisi Church in Petts Wood. We will also be visiting the Al-Emaan Centre in Keston to help develop our understanding on Islam. Details will follow shortly. Year 5 will also be taking part in the Road to RIAT STEM Glider Challenge this term organised by Smallpeice Trust. This will give the class an opportunity to be creative!

Spring Term Outline

Welcome to our Curriculum Outline for the coming term.

English	The children will focus on a variety of writing genres such as story writing, biographies, playscripts and persuasive writing. They will develop their writing by focusing on using different sentence openers and understanding the importance of proof reading and editing their writing. The pupils will focus on using a variety of punctuation such as: commas, dashes, brackets to indicate parenthesis and use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause. They will also understand the difference between direct and indirect speech.
Maths	The key areas in Maths for the Spring term will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiplying and dividing using formal methods.• Identify equivalent fractions• Multiply unit and non-unit fractions by an integer• Multiply mixed numbers by integers• Calculate fractions of an amount• Solve problems using fractions• Order decimals up to 2 decimal places• Write decimals as fractions including thousandths.• Round decimals• Order and compare decimals• Write percentages as fractions and decimals• Recognise simple equivalent fractions and represent them as decimals and percentages.
RE	The children will develop their RE skills including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to study more complex scriptures.• Show understanding by making links between beliefs and life.• The chance to express a reasoned preference and begin to arrive at informed judgements. <p>These skills are developed through studying the topics Inspirational People and Reconciliation from the Way, The Truth, The Life Scheme. Year 5 will also study the Islam faith focusing on the Mosque and the Prayer at Home.</p>

<p>Science</p> <p>The focus is on studying forces focusing on air resistance and water resistance, friction, levers and pulleys.</p> <p>In the second half of the spring term, the pupils will study the Earth, Sun and Moon focusing on the movement of the planets in the solar system, the movement of the Moon and day and night.</p>	<p>Forest School</p> <p>Children will be attending Forest School for the first half of the Spring term.</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>The focus in geography is: Where in the world is South America? The pupils will locate countries of South America on a map. They will learn about key physical and human characteristics of South America such as climate, population, trade and industry and mountain regions. They will then carry out an in-depth study of Brazil.</p>
<p>Computing</p> <p>The pupils will develop their computing skills by focusing on HTML Coding. They will identify the key code of HTML language and use this to create their own website promoting the school.</p>	<p>DT</p> <p>The children will study tapestry focusing on the Bayeux Tapestry. They will experiment with different tapestry techniques such as quilting and sewing. The pupils will then design and complete a tapestry depicting an epic adventure.</p>	<p>History</p> <p>There will be no History topic taught this term as we will be focusing on our geography skills.</p>
<p>Music</p> <p>The pupils will be focusing on Musical Theatre. This includes listening to different pieces from musicals and identifying different types of musical songs. They will then be using a piece of music to write their own lyrics and own musical song about a Journey. The pupils will begin to use standard notation to record their melodies.</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>The children will develop their PE skills through participation in Hockey, Netball and Gymnastics.</p>	<p>PSHE & RHE</p> <p>E Safety – The focus will be on online reputation and online bullying. The pupils will be able to describe ways that information about anyone online can be used by others to make judgments about an individual and why these may be incorrect. They will describe how what one person perceives as playful joking and teasing (including ‘banter’) might be experienced by others as bullying.</p> <p>RHE lessons will be enhanced by the use of Ten Ten Resources. The topics studied this term will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Talk • Sharing isn’t always caring. • Cyberbullying • Our Catholic Social Teaching Principles.

Forthcoming Dates and Events

Monday 15th January - Young Voices Concert

Wednesday 17th January – Year 5 visiting Bromley Synagogue

Tuesday 23rd January – Year 5 visiting St Francis of Assisi Church in Petts Wood.

Friday 26th January – Year 5 Visit to Petts Wood Library

Thursday 1st February – Year 5 Class Mass

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March - Open Evenings

Friday 22nd March - Spring Reading Passports to be returned.

Wednesday 27th March - Year 5 Passion Play.

Things to Bring In:

Please ensure all PE Kit is named. Trainers for outdoors and plimsolls for indoor PE.

A daily reading book.

The Reading Log needs to be signed and brought into school every day. Examples of WOW words or words that pupils have had to find the meaning of should be written down in the Reading Log every day.

French

In French, the pupils will be learning to describe an image, the vocabulary for seasons and also how to tell the time.

Catholic Virtues Focus:

Patience and Honesty

Additional Information

A named glue, handwriting pen and red pen are essential equipment in Year 5.