

Year 5/6 Autumn 23

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. The children have made a fantastic start and are already settling into the routines very well.

English

We have begun the autumn term with a whole school focus on the classic story of 'Oliver Twist' which the children are thoroughly enjoying. We are extremely excited for our live performance of 'Oliver Twist' and will use this to enhance our knowledge/understanding of the book alongside a range of Oliver novels and extracts.

We plan to use our experiences from the performance, novels and film clips to not produce some quality pieces of writing. These will include: non-chronological reports, character descriptions and balanced arguments.

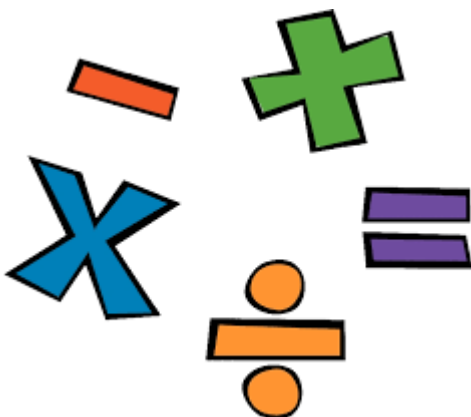
What a busy term in maths

Year 5/6 will cover:

Place Value	Multiplication
Addition	Division
Subtraction	Algebra (Y6)

Our topics in RE this Autumn are:

Ourselves /Life Choices/ Hope
&
Other Religions: Judaism



PE will be both gymnastics and swimming.

Gymnastics will be on a Monday for all of Y5/6 (starting week beginning 18th Sept).

Year 5- Friday (Swimming - first half term only beginning 15th September)

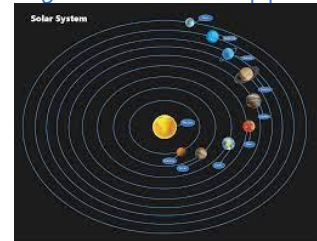
Year 6 - swimming will start after the first half term

Science:

Autumn 1 - Earth and Space

We will learn to:

- describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system
- describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth -describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies
- use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky



Autumn 2 - Forces

We will learn to:

- explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object
- identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces
- recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect

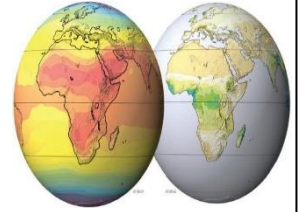
History

Year 5/6 will be focusing on 'Black History Month'.

We will be looking at influential people in black history. We will focus on inspirational quotes and achievements of both historic and modern-day people, with a particular focus on people from the UK.



Geography - Climates around the world



We will learn to:

- describe the link between temperature and the equator.
- know what the climate is like in different climate zones.
- locate the world's largest hot deserts on a map.
- locate the world's major temperate climate zones on a map.
- locate the world's major cold environments on a map.

Art: Drawing and sketching skills

DT: Project- electronics

Computing: Computing Systems and Networks

Homework

Weekly spellings are shared in the front of the spelling book to support practise in readiness for their weekly challenge on a Thursday. Results are shared in the back of the book.

Reading books and reading records will travel daily between home and school.

As children access a wide range of text types and lengths, there will be no set day to change books and instead will be as and when.

Weekly times tables/maths tasks are shared in the front of the book to support practise in readiness for their weekly challenge on a Thursday.