

Year 5



Welcome back to another busy half term in year 5! In the build up to Christmas, there will be many exciting activities. Be sure to keep checking the weekly newsletters for any important dates for your diary! If you have any further questions, you are always welcome to come and speak to us before or after school.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, angles and perimeter. The children will consolidate their learning before applying this to problem solving in various contexts and practising their reasoning skills.

Please continue to support your child in practising their times tables at home using 'Times Tables Rockstars'.

English

Using a range of exciting texts about oceans, the children will complete the following pieces of writing: explanation, diary entry, non-chronological report and a persuasive piece.

During the lessons, the children will focus on applying a range of grammar skills into their writing. These will include: fronted adverbials, relative clauses, prepositional phrases and simile starters.

Reading

We continue to ask all children to read at least three times a week. The children are able to sign their own reading records twice a week but we do ask that there is an adult signature once a week. Reading records will be checked every Friday.

Physical Education

PE kits must be in school at all times. Year 5 P.E lessons will take place on Thursday or Friday afternoons.



Learning Challenge Curriculum

During our afternoon lessons, we will be exploring why ocean plastic pollution is a key issue for our world today and what we can do to tackle this problem.

The children will find out what actually happens when we drop litter and learn about the journey of it from the street to the ocean. In addition to this, they will explore how pollution is affecting our wildlife and the environment. The children will also re-use plastic bags to create their very own skipping ropes!

Vocabulary

Each afternoon lesson will begin by introducing a new key word linked to the topic. The words are split into three sections.

Anchor Words - These are words the children should already have knowledge of.

Goldilocks Words - These words will be taught throughout the half term.

Step-on Words - These are words which will rarely be used unless discussing the topic.



renewable, waste, re-useable, reduce,
environment, variety



bio-degradable, pollution, decompose,
endangered, current, marine, brittle,
toxic, sustainable, discard



microbes, gyres