

Year 5 Curriculum News – Autumn Term 2024

Mathematics and Numeracy

This term in Maths, we begin by building on the pupils' knowledge of place value and the four number operations – multiplication, division, subtraction and addition. We will also be looking at equivalent fractions, fractions of numbers and doubling and halving larger numbers. Shape, data and measure work will include representing data using bar charts, as well as work on length, weight and symmetry. Pupils will be taught to use different mathematical strategies through problem solving and mental maths activities. We will also continue to develop numerical reasoning.

How can you help? – Please complete the weekly maths homework and practise multiplication tables with your children whenever you can. A good knowledge of their multiplication tables will allow your children to feel more confident in all areas of their number work as we progress throughout the term.

Languages, Literacy and Communication

This term, much of our literacy work will be around Shakespeare's Macbeth. This continues our progression step Shakespeare theme and will include the study of poetry and role play. The children will study genres including persuasive writing, letter writing and newspapers. Comprehension, grammar, punctuation and spelling skills will also be developed. Short spelling re-cap sessions will be carried out daily following the Read Write Inc. spelling scheme of work.

How can you help? – Please read at home as much as possible and practise spellings weekly for a test every Monday.

Welsh

This term, the children will be revising greetings and saying their name. They will be talking about their age and other people's age as well as talking about how other people are feeling. Linking to our topic, they will learn to talk about illnesses and other people's illnesses. They will be expanding on their knowledge of clothing (dwi'n gwisgo...) and where they live (dwi'n byw...) Finally, they will be talking about events from the past and comparing the things that they have with people from the Tudor period.

International Languages

We will have fun learning French this term and build upon prior language knowledge of the children to further develop fluency.

R.E.

As we are a Church in Wales Primary School, Religious Education is one of the subjects that will be taught discretely according to the Church in Wales Syllabus. This term we will be developing a greater understanding of the 'family' of the Church of Wales and learning about significant questions from the 'Understanding Christianity' scheme of work.

Humanities

"Age of Discovery"

This project has a history focus and teaches children about the momentous changes that occurred during the Tudor dynasty in the period of 1485-1603. We will be looking at the influence of the Tudor period on Britain and Wales in particular, whilst making critical comparisons with today's leaders. We will be looking closely at the voyages to the 'New World', including its impact on Wales,

both positive and negative. The geographical focus will be on maps and the changing perceptions of the world.

Expressive Arts

The focus for Expressive Arts this term will be portraits and their importance to the Tudor monarchs. We will be looking at the various techniques employed by the famous artists of the period as well as a portrait's impact on its audience. We will also be making links with our Autumn term Shakespeare play, giving the children excellent opportunities to explore their acting and creative skills. The children will be involved in group projects where they will have to create a Tudor feast.

Science and Technology

"Age of Discovery"

This term we will be focusing on a range of different ICT skills from website making to film creation. The children will be given the opportunity to demonstrate these skills during a variety of lessons via their own HWB accounts. The children will also be developing their skills related to the Digital Competency Framework. Our Science lessons will focus on health and disease which links to our Tudor topic. The children will learn more about healthy diets and the health impacts of the Tudors' love of sugar as well as many Tudor discoveries e.g. tobacco. They will also explore how to carry out fair tests and investigations.

Our technology focus will be Tudor food. We will be looking at what makes a healthy diet and comparing it with the often very unhealthy diets of the Tudor elites. The children will then need to plan and prepare a Tudor feast.

Health and Well-being

Please ensure that your children bring their school PE kit at the beginning of the week in preparation for their weekly P.E. lesson (this can be kept in school if required as P.E. days can vary). PE kit should consist of black or navy jogging bottoms / shorts, a white t-shirt and suitable outdoor shoes. Children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE.

General Information

Red Homework Books - Pupils will use these to practise homework and spellings. **They will need to bring them in every Thursday to copy their spellings into.** They usually have a week to complete this work. Homework will consist of maths work to be completed on MyMaths and spellings. Homework will be sent home via Parentmail unless a paper copy is requested or parents have not signed up to Parentmail. A homework letter will also be posted on the school website weekly. Login details for MyMaths are glued into the homework books.

Home Readers - I will listen to your children read weekly during our ERIC reading sessions. The children are permitted to take home books from the school bookshelf and change these as frequently as they would like.

I am very much looking forward to the very exciting Autumn term ahead with Year 5!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate contact me.

Best wishes,

Mr Dudley