

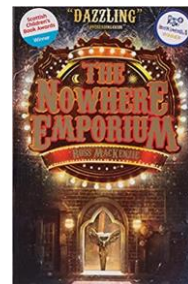


Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. The Spring Term is always a busy one, jam packed with lots of fun learning opportunities including science week and starting our swimming lessons.

LEARNING:

Literacy - During the first half term, the children will be using the book 'The Nowhere Emporium' to inspire their writing. We will be looking at different styles of writing to entertain and will be learning how to create exciting settings that capture the imagination of the reader. We will also continue to explore more of the Year 5 grammar, punctuation and spelling.



Maths - As well as consolidating our learning on the four operations, the children will also delve deeper into their learning on fractions. Fractions make up a big part of the Year 5 curriculum and this term will be all about ensuring that the children develop the same confidence they have with the rest of their maths, when they are approaching their work on fractions. We will also continue to develop our arithmetic fluency.

Wider Curriculum - Our topic this term is 'Comparing People and Places' and is geography focused. We will be exploring different areas of America over the first half term and will learn more about human and physical geography. Additionally we will be learning about foods from around America as part of our DT learning and the children will be investigating the impact food has on our bodies. We will then have a go at creating some balanced American inspired meals. In RSHE and linked to our DT work on balanced meals, we will begin to think about the changes we go through as we get older and how we can keep our bodies healthy - this will include a separate talk for the boys and girls on the changes they will experience as they begin to reach puberty. In science we are looking at changes and properties of materials. The children will really develop their scientific thinking and planning skills this half term as they carry out investigations during science week.

P.E

This term our only PE is swimming. We will be going swimming every Tuesday afternoon and the children should come to school 'swim ready'. This means they should have their swimming suit on underneath some comfortable clothes such as jogging bottoms and a hoodie. They do not need to wear uniform on Tuesdays. We leave for swimming at 12.40pm as we need to be in the water by 1.15pm. If you have any questions about swimming then please do not hesitate to come and see me.



PPA Cover:

Mrs A Powell will continue to teach Geometry, French and RE every other Friday.

Outside Play

Please ensure that children have their coats and suitable outdoor footwear at school throughout the week. This enables children to play outdoors and have more space available to them in all weather conditions. Please could you ensure that all items of school uniform, coats, shoes and swimming kit are named. Therefore, if they are misplaced they can easily be returned to the rightful owner!

Homework:

This term the children will receive homework tasks linked to the learning that has taken place in the classroom so they will have a good understanding of what they are being asked to complete. This will typically be a piece of maths work (possibly MyMaths) and a piece of English or topic work. The work will be set on Seesaw on a Thursday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. If your child has any issues logging into Seesaw then please let me know.

**Reading**

Please could you encourage, and ensure, your child is reading on a daily basis, either independently or to an adult. They should be aiming for at least 15 minutes of reading at home each day.

**Times Tables**

Children should practising their tables using TTRockstars for at least 10 minutes each day. We do regularly check the children's progress on this, so please encourage them to complete this each day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Olliver
Year 5 Class Teacher