

WELCOME TO KINGFISHER FIVES

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to Year 5. Staff teaching in Year 5 this year are Mrs Menevse and Miss Gething. Mrs Stoddart will be teaching on Fridays.

Topics

We have an exciting year of learning planned over the next three terms. Our topics are: Hocus Pocus (solids, liquids and gases),



The Vicious Vikings, Starry Night (Vincent Van Gogh and space), Around The World in 80 Days (mapping and environment), Locality Detectives (Mexico study) and Magnificent Mayans. This term will focus on Hocus Pocus and Vicious Vikings.

English

Our first novel is The Snow Merchant. Reading and spelling will have a high profile throughout the year. In key stage 2, our focus is on comprehension skills and we read as a class every day. We will be learning the Year 5/6 spellings, alongside looking at different spelling rules, and your child will bring home the words we are focusing on each week. Your child will benefit from additional reading at home; this could be school books, library books, magazines, newspapers etc, and children will be rewarded for reading at home.



Maths

Each week we will work on specific skills taken from the Year 5 maths curriculum. Many of the age-related expectations for Year 5 are high order skills and we encourage children to practise calculations they find difficult. Please feel free to pop in and ask about any aspect of maths your child is finding tricky if you would like to support them at home. We will continue to work on our mental arithmetic skills and times tables in class. If you would like to practice times tables at home, your child will know which tables they need to work on. At the moment, we are working on increasing the speed of knowing all the times tables up to 12 x 12 in a random order, including division skills.



Art and Design

Art this half term will focus on tie dying, and will be exploring different tie dying techniques. We would like children to tie dye a t-shirt at the end of the art topic. Please send in a plain t-shirt for this activity if possible; preferably white. If your child does not have a t-shirt, we do have plain material they can dye in school. Starting from this week, Year 5 children will each have a turn at baking on Monday afternoons and will bring home their creations.



PE

PE will be on Monday mornings and SWIMMING on Thursday afternoons. The school PE kit is white t-shirt, black shorts or black track suit bottoms and plimsolls / trainers. Please let me know if you are able to walk to and from the swimming pool with us. We are very lucky to be going swimming until February half term, but we would be unable to go without parent helpers to walk with us and act as spotters at the pool.



We would like to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure it has been teaching your children during this first few days of term. They have worked hard and have produced some amazing work! Please feel free to pop into class and look at some of their work which is on the wall already.

Attendance

Thank you for our excellent attendance and punctuality so far this term. Making sure your child arrives in time to be in the line is really important, as key skills are taught as soon as the children have their coats off.

We are always available from 8:30, and often at the end of each day. Please feel free to pop in and talk to us if you have any questions about year 5.

Kind regards

Mrs Menevse and Miss Gething