

Year five Autumn Term 1 2018

Curriculum Newsletter



4.9.2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the fabulous sunny summer?

We are really looking forward to embarking on an exciting year of learning ahead! There is so much to pack in; it will be a busy year for all of us! We are starting with a fantastic local **Geography topic: 'If You Go Down To The Woods Today..."**

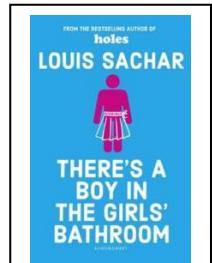
We will be going to forest school every Monday afternoon until half term. **The National Forest School Association have offered us free sessions as part of an initiative to**

Whilst the pool is closed, we will be walking down to Middleton woods after break and we will have lunch when we arrive so all children will need a packed lunch on Mondays. When the swimming lessons begin, we will be travelling to the pool by bus; after the lessons we will have a packed lunch before forest school starts. The children will need to be collected from the Lido car park at 3pm. If this causes a problem or if you are able to help with lifts, please let us know.

We will be going regardless of weather, so please ensure that your child brings waterproofs/coat and suitable footwear.

In **English** the children will be writing diaries and play scripts.

Our class book will be *There's a Boy In The Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar



It will inspire even the most reluctant writer to think and become creative as we study how writers use different structures to create coherence and impact and how they use different techniques to make a text come alive. We will use their ideas as a start point for our own writing. We will also use the class books to develop key reading skills as well as for teaching punctuation and grammar objectives.

Spellings will be taught explicitly and lists will be sent home each week.

In **Maths** this half term, we will begin with a look place value and number, followed by the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We intend to look at the application of maths into problem solving (using and applying of maths) and will have a keen focus on arithmetic. Maths homework will be sent home each week and to reinforce recent learning.

Science

PE As we will be having swimming lessons on Monday mornings (starting 11.9.17) we will only be doing PE once a week: Thursday afternoon. We will be doing netball and basketball

French

We welcome back Mrs Green who has kindly returned to teach KS2, voluntarily.

We will begin Year 5 learning how to ask and answer the question 'how many are there?', drawing on Year 4 clothes and animals vocabulary. In answering the question, children will focus on how to form plural nouns in French. We will learn numbers 32 to 60 and begin to talk about where we live.

HOME LEARNING:

We will set maths and spelling homework each week and it will reinforce the learning from that school week.

- **Thursday:** Maths homework, due back the following Tuesday
- **Friday:** Spellings, tested the following Friday
- **Book exchange:** Mondays and Thursdays. Please hear your child read as often as possible and ask questions to develop comprehension skills. Please ask staff if you would like any help with this.
- **Half term project:** will be handed out this week and will be due in on **Wednesday 10th of October** for a Home learning gallery – all parents and carers invited.

Finally, if you have any artefacts or expertise in our area of learning this half term, please let us know or bring it in to share with the class.

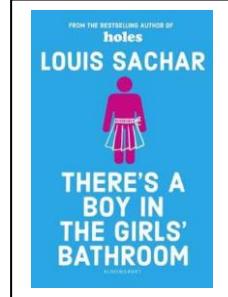
Likewise, if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact any of the year 5 team.

Best wishes,

Peter Timms, Sandy Leach and Mrs Wilcock

English

Can I write a diary entry?
 Can I can you write with cohesion within and between paragraphs?
 Can I use punctuation to enhance and develop my writing?
 Can I demonstrate a deep level of understanding of a text by answering questions orally and on paper?



Geography/ Topic

Do You know where to locate Middleton woods on a map?
 What is the biome?
 What impact do humans have on the environment and ecosystems of the woods?

Science

If You Go Down To The Woods Today...



Art & Design

What was the art which is inspired by the natural world?

Which artists use the natural world for resources and inspiration?

PSHE

Can you help to discuss and create 'class rules'?
 Can you be a successful team member?
 Do you know what good learning looks like?
 How do we build strong relationships?

Religious Education:

Computing

We will be using purple mash to learn about coding – the children can continue their learning at home by logging on to the purple mash portal – See Mrs Leach if you need assistance.

Music

Each week there will be an assembly dedicated to singing with the rest of the school.
 In class our music theme will be "Livin' On A Prayer" (Mrs Leach is very much looking forward to teaching it)

Dates for Your Diary

- **Swimming every Monday - to be arranged**
- **Forest school every Monday – packed lunch and suitable coats/waterproofs and footwear**
- **Home learning Gallery 10.10.17 8.45-9.00am**

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