

Year five Autumn Term 1 2019
Curriculum Newsletter



11.9.2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a fabulous summer?

I am 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 heritage topic.

We will be going to forest school every Monday afternoon from **16.9.19** until half term. This is free as we have benefitted from a Lottery funded initiative by 'Pennine Prospects'

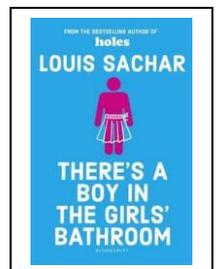
<https://www.pennineprospects.co.uk/>

We will be walking down to the pool for our swimming lessons; 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 as well as a packed lunch and swimming kit. Unless told otherwise, the children can come into school on Mondays in clothes that are suitable for an afternoon in the woods: long sleeves and long trousers (**no jeans**).

In **English** the children will be writing diaries and 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 starting 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.

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

I intend to look at the application of maths through reasoning and problem solving but there will be a keen focus on arithmetic. Maths homework will be sent home each week to reinforce recent learning.

Science: during our science lessons we will be investigating forces by exploring the concept of gravity: understanding the difference between mass and weight; understanding that

objects fall to earth due to gravity and identifying and testing how air resistance counteracts gravity

PE As we will be having swimming lessons on Monday mornings (**starting 9.9.17**) we will only be doing PE once a week: Friday afternoon.

French

We welcome back Mrs Green who has kindly returned to teach KS2, on a voluntary basis. Year 5 will have French lessons after half term.

HOME LEARNING:

I will set maths each week and it will reinforce the learning from that school week.

- **Thursday:** Maths homework, due back the **following Tuesday**
- **Book exchange:** Mondays and Thursdays. Regardless of your child's ability to read, it is still important to hear your child read as often as possible and ask questions to develop comprehensions 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 16th 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 me 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 me, either through the office, via email or just catch me in the playground to arrange a meeting.

Best wishes,

The year 5 team:

Sandy Leach and Mrs Wilcock, Miss Leafe, Miss Sedgewick

Dates for Your Diary

- **Swimming every Monday -starting 9.9.19**
- **Forest school every Monday – packed lunch and suitable coats/waterproofs and footwear – starting 16.9.19**
- **Home learning Gallery 16.10.17 (8.45-9.00am)**
- **Harvest festival 24.10.19**
- **Year 5 class assembly tbc**
- **Open classroom 22.10.19 (9-9:30)**

Class Book Autumn Term

