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SUMMER TERM 2019 CLASS 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer Term!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back; we hope that you had a nice Easter break. This letter contains details of some of the topics that the children will be working on throughout the term – we are looking forward to reaping the rewards of all of our hard work together and having a successful and enjoyable term.

English

In English we will be studying a wide range of genres, beginning with letter writing. Other units will include persuasive advertisements, diary and instruction writing.

Our regular focus on grammar is really showing through in the children's writing and we are certain that support from home has been a key factor in this progress. We will be continuing to send home grammar homework each week and your continued support in looking through and editing the children's homework with them is greatly appreciated.

Maths

In Maths this term we will continue to follow the Primary Mathematics Framework. Our work will be consolidating our learning from the previous two terms on number operations, and extending our knowledge of the properties of numbers. This will involve a good deal of investigative work and problem solving.

As with English, your continued support at home in developing your child's mathematical skills is invaluable and very much appreciated.

Science

This term the children will study two science topics. In the first half term we will be completing our work on properties of materials. In the second half of the summer term we will look at forces. This will be studied with a strongly practical and investigative approach and explore the effects of forces, in particular, gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. They will go on to learn about mechanisms that allow smaller forces to have a greater effect.

Computing

In computing this term the children will be looking at coding. The children will learn how to use the programming of instructions to start an event, move an object, change an object's direction and create a sequence of events. This will provide excellent opportunities for the children to practise and hone their problem solving skills.



History

In History we will look at the Tudors this term with a focus on King Henry VIII and his six wives.

Geography

In Geography we will study coasts and rivers.

RE/PSHE

In RE we will be thinking about our beliefs and the things that matter to us, and we will be considering these alongside an exploration into the Buddhist faith. Our PSHE this term will focus initially on Relationships, and will then tackle the issue of Changes.

PE

The focus in PE this term will be on gymnastics, striking & fielding, athletics and cricket. We are delighted that we will be having regular sessions with Alex Clements, a 'Chance to Shine Coach,' from Ottery Cricket Club. We would like to take this opportunity to request that you remind your child of the need for a full PE kit in order to take part in lessons safely and enjoyably. Our PE sessions will usually be on Tuesday and Wednesday but may change according to the weather.

Music

In whole class music, the children will be learning to play a Sax with the aim of performing in our school assembly. They will also be learning a selection of songs for the Year 5 & 6 Summer Show.

Art & Design

Our first art topic this term will be linked to our Tudor topic. They will then be studying the work of Pablo Picasso. The children will be creating iconic images through the use of clay, observational drawing, colour mixing and other collage materials.

We would like to take this opportunity to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to teach a group of such lovely children. This term we hope to build on their collective love of learning and reward them with individual success.

Should you have any queries or concerns during the term, please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground or jot a note in the home/school diary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Bedford & Mrs Sue Tovey

Year 5 Class Teachers

