



September 2021

Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 5. We look forward to sharing our learning with you at the end of the term and throughout the year.

Below is the outline of the curriculum areas we will be covering this term:

Subject	Areas to be covered
RE	Our RE learning this term will be focusing on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OURSELVES • JUDAISM • LIFE CHOICES • HOPE
English	We will be focusing on the following texts and genres of writing: <u>Narrative Reading:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone • Journey to Jo'burg (linked to Black History Month) • The GoldFish Boy - Lisa Thompson <p>Big write every Friday</p> <p>Poetry: Poems based on Advent</p>
Maths	We will continue to use Maths No Problem which is in line with the Singapore Maths approach. This encourages children to use manipulatives to support learning and approach mathematical problems in different ways. Children will also be developing their mathematical thinking in a range of contexts with particular focus on:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Value • Addition and subtraction • Multiplication and division • Word problems • Statistics • Fractions
Science	Our first Science topic this term is Forces , Through this topic children will learn about balanced and unbalanced forces, gravity, friction and the use of mechanisms such as levers, gears and pulleys. They will find out about Isaac Newton and his discoveries about gravity. Our second topic is Earth and Space , through this topic the children will gain a basic overview of Earth and its place in our Solar System.
Computing	In computing the children will learning about computing systems and networks (sharing information) as well as programming (developing games).
Geography	In geography the children will be learning more about Eastern Europe.
History	In history we will be focusing on Nelson Mandela during Black History Month.
French	We will be continuing to develop our French vocabulary through speaking and listening in the context of conversation.
PE	PE will take place on Wednesday's . The children will continue to develop their athletic skills. They will also be using teamwork and communication skills.

Homework Research Project

Project description:

The children will be base their homework research project on Black History Month.

The first task is a research task.

Then the second task will be in the form of art work or a poster with pictures and writing.

Ideas:

I will share and put some ideas on Google Classroom.

- Art poster celebrating Black History Month
- Art work of their chosen Black History Month person (a self-portrait of them)
- A big time line of their chosen person's work and achievements
- Create a book/folder



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Homework	Weekly homework	Spelling and mental maths test
Given out	Every Thursday	Spellings: Every Friday
Handed in / tested on	Every Tuesday	Spellings: Every Friday Times tables and mental maths weekly test is Every Wednesday
Consists of	Maths consolidation (Times Table Rockstars/Eedi) Reading comprehension (Reading Eggspress) Grammar or homework related to any foundation topics we are studying.	National Curriculum spelling words as well as other challenging vocabulary linked to all subjects.

With regards to homework, I would just like to remind you all that homework will be put up onto Google Classrooms either as a quiz or an assignment.

How you can help:

- Encourage your child to use the library.
- Read with your child regularly and ask frequent questions about the books they read. They should be building their stamina to read longer texts in a shorter time but still understanding what they have read.
- Practice tables and related mental arithmetic on a daily basis.
- Talk with your child about what they are learning, your interest will build their curiosity.
- Please ensure your child has access to a dictionary and a thesaurus to support their learning.
- Please check that any work done from the internet is in the children's own words and **not directly copied**.
- Help children to check and edit their writing - punctuation /spelling /tenses etc.
- Ensure they have done their homework to the best of their ability.




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-  Monitor your child's time spent on video games, internet use and watching television and encourage them to be more active.
- Encourage children to be responsible for the things they need for school each day.
- School uniform PE kit must be in on Wednesday's and must go home on the same day.
- Please check that all clothing is named!

If you would like to come in and speak to us at any point, whether you have any concerns or would like to ask any questions, please do not hesitate to do so. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Samson



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