



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope you are ready for the Autumn Term after a lovely Summer break. As always, we appreciate all of the support you provide at home and look forward to working with you to help your children progress further with their learning.

The Year 5 Team

Phase Leader: Mr Bate

Class 5P: Mr Phillips

Class 5S: Mrs Sankey

Other members of the team: Mrs Hodgetts

English

Our class reading book will be 'New Kid' by Jerry Craft. We will be focusing on a variety of other texts in reading lessons to develop comprehension skills. In writing lessons, we will be studying a variety of genres including narrative, non-fiction and poetry. Throughout all lessons and subjects we will be developing our oracy skills, through paired and group discussion whilst increasing our use of vocabulary and grammatically accurate sentences. We will continue to encourage the use of Nelson Handwriting Style and look forward to awarding more handwriting pens. We would appreciate your support at home by encouraging your child to read daily – either home readers or texts of their choice – and record this in their home school planner.

Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on place value within 100,000 and 1,000,000. Please encourage your children to read and tell the time at home at every opportunity using an analogue clock (a clock with hands), compare it to digital times in the 12 hour (am/pm) and 24 hour clocks.

Homework

Daily reading is expected. Your children will have a book to practice their reading skills. We also recommend reading stories to your child for pleasure. This will help develop your child's story voice when hearing adults read. We have a list of recommended reads on our website in '**Our Learning > Year Group Page > Reading**'. Books can be borrowed from the local library free of charge. Children can access Century, TTRS, and Accelerated Reader online to support with their learning. Some homework may be set on Google Classroom (children will be made aware of this and tasks will be written in their planners).

Science

During this term, we will be comparing the properties of materials, such as their; hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. Children will have to opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills. Such as experimenting with different objects in a water tank, to test to see how much water resistance each item has.

PE

On PE days, please make sure your child comes to school in the correct Woodside PE kit that follows our uniform policy. Children will have lessons both indoors and outdoors. Please remove all jewellery on these days.

Computing

Throughout the year we teach online safety. This term, children will be learning Coding. Children have access to Purple Mash at home via RMuNify.

Other subjects

In History, we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and Scots & in Geography we will be developing our mapping skills before looking at Climate Zones.
In Art, we will be developing our drawing skills by exploring different techniques used to show light and shadow and in DT we will be creating seasonal biscuits.
In music, we will be focusing our work around the 'Mamma Mia' song by ABBA.
In RE, we are looking at The Atman, Brahman & Ahimsa in Hinduism
In PSHE, we will be learning about Relationships – Families and Friendship, Safe Relationships and Respecting Ourselves and Others

For further details of our curriculum content, please visit the school website 'Our Learning' section

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Learning&pid=57>

Family Project

Have a great time over the Summer break with your family creating a project about our new history topic, the Anglo-Saxons.

An Anglo-Saxon Settlement

As you can see below from the examples, we would like you to try and create your own Anglo-Saxon Village! You can use whatever materials you would like For example, cardboard, straw, paint, colouring pencils, tissue paper, etc. Try your best at creating your own Anglo-Saxon settlement!

You will need to include:

- Using any materials available
- A brief description of an Anglo-Saxon village on a separate sheet
- Amazing Anglo-Saxon facts!

It will be your choice how you wish to present your information. Be as creative as you like!



SUMMER WEEKLY CHALLENGES

Enjoy completing these challenges throughout summer break to help you retain your knowledge in preparation for your new school year.

w/c 31.7.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks Times Table Rock Stars – Continue to practice all times tables to 12x12 and the related division facts.
7.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks Times Table Rock Stars – Continue to practice all times tables to 12x12 and the related division facts.
14.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks Times Table Rock Stars – Continue to practice all times tables to 12x12 and the related division facts.
21.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks Times Table Rock Stars – Continue to practice all times tables to 12x12 and the related division facts.
28.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks Times Table Rock Stars – Continue to practice all times tables to 12x12 and the related division facts.



Click on the images above to take you to the Summer Reading Challenge and Recommended Books for Years 4 and 5.

Please sign up to this year's National Summer Reading Challenge. There are lots of books freely available at local libraries and online to share with your child or for your child to read to you. They may choose to read independently too. How many books will you share and read during the six weeks holiday?

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#library>

We have 50 recommended reads that have been chosen for your child's age. Some of these stories have been uploaded to the school website as videos in **Our Learning > Year 5 > Reading**. What will be your child's favourite book this summer? We can't wait to find out!

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