

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer Term 2024

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the summer term. Our new topics are 'The Vikings' and 'Living Things and Their Habitats'

We are looking forward to learning more about the Vikings and the impact that they have had on Britain. We will also look at Living Things and Their Habitats focusing on life cycles of animals, humans and plants

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 and Mrs Khan

English

Our class reading book will be 'The Green Plant' by David Attenborough. We will be focusing on a variety of other texts in reading lessons to further develop comprehension skills and continue to encourage pleasure for reading opportunities. 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 continuing our use of ambitious 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 geometry, decimals, negative numbers and measure. Please continue to 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. Children will also continue to develop their arithmetic skills through daily arithmetic practise and the use of century and times table rock stars.

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. We will continue to send home spelling practise and handwriting practise along with any other related work. Children will record their homework in their planner, so they know when homework is due in.

Science

During this term, we will continue with our topic 'Living things and their habitats'. We will continue to look at life cycles of animals, humans and plants. Children will have the opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills and to develop their scientific enquiry and vocabulary. They will also make links between science and maths skills using graphs, tables and charts to record findings and compare to their predictions.

PE

PE days are Monday and Thursday. Monday – we will continue to go swimming. Please ensure your child has their swim kit including a towel and a hair bobble if hair is long. Thursdays – please ensure your child is wearing the correct Woodside PE kit in line with our uniform policy. Please remove all jewellery on these days.

Computing

During the summer term we will be looking at concept maps and word processing. This will help the children to develop their computing skills further.

Other subjects

In History, we will continue to study the Vikings and in Geography we will be conducting a weather field study.

In Art, we will be looking at sculpting using clay and develop our art skills using a range of artistic tools.

In DT, we will be looking at electrical systems and monitoring and control.

In music, we will be using the recorders allowing children the opportunity to play and read music.

In RE, we are looking at Sikhism and Islam 'Muhammed in Madinah, establishing a Muslim community'

In PSHE, we will be learning about Health and Wellbeing – mental health, keeping safe, regulating and choices.

Summer Term Project

We would love your child to explore their topic for Science week. We have been learning about the scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock, a British space scientist who is committed to inspiring new generations of astronauts, engineers, and scientists. She has spoken to approximately 25,000 children, many from inner-city schools, explaining how and why she became a scientist, challenging perceptions about careers, class, and gender. We would like you to create a project that celebrates her contribution to science or a scientist of your choice. This could be a biography, poster or even models of their work! The homework projects this year have been at the highest quality and we are extremely proud of everyone's efforts. Please bring projects into school by Thursday 2nd May 24. We thank you for your support at home.

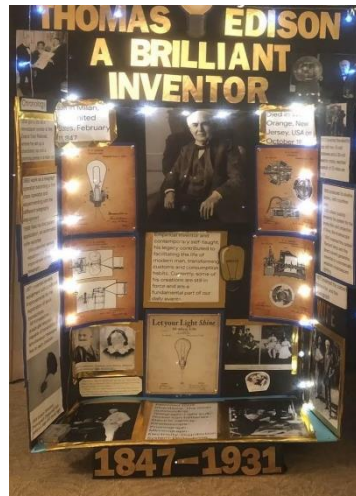
Family Project

Science Project for Woodside's Science Fair

This year we will be hosting our Science Fair on Friday 3rd May 2024.

We would love you to work with your child(ren) to create your masterpiece! This year, we are asking you to look at people who have made valuable contributions to science and complete your project based upon that person.

Projects to be completed and brought into school by Thursday 2nd May 2024.



We look forward to seeing your wonderful projects.