



Dear Parents/Carers

Year 5 Spring Term – Curriculum Information

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. We had an amazing first term in Year 5, exploring our topic, 'Gruesome Greeks'; it was lovely to be able to visit Leeds City Museum where the children were able to broaden their knowledge of the Ancient Greeks. This half term we will begin our exciting journey to Alchemy Island.

English

We will be reading a selection of new books including 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Malorie. We have planned many activities to get to know the text; our writing focus will be newspaper reports, non-chronological reports and branching stories. Our writing targets this term include: using a variety of sentence types, using cohesive devices to link paragraphs and editing and improving writing. In reading, our focus will be on skimming and scanning the text and identifying the authorial intent based on the clues given; please continue to hear your child regularly at home and also, to discuss their texts, as this is of huge benefit to them.

Spellings

We will continue with spelling tests on a Monday. As I'm sure you'll know, the key to spelling is not just learning them weekly and exploring the rule, but also to apply these in our writing, which is why it continues to be one of our targets this term.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to work through each topic using the four phase approach, allowing the children to reason and investigate helping to deepen their learning. This half term, we will be focusing more on explaining our thoughts and identifying an approach to the investigation. Our topics will be tables, charts and line graphs, area and perimeter and multiplication and division. Our target is to learn our times tables up to 12x12 by the end of the year, so we will be learning

a table a fortnight. One of the games we play regularly can be found here <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - the children love this game!

Zumba Maths

The children have made a good start to the new Zumba targets and will continue to bring home new Zumba targets each week, which will be tested on Fridays. Please can you continue to help your child practice these against the clock as the children need to know them off by heart.

Science

'Blast Off!' will take us on a journey around Earth, to the Sun, Moon and beyond. We will compare the planets, learn why shadows are formed and why they change, investigate what causes day and night and the seasons, discover how eclipses are created, find out what the moon is made out of and locate common constellations.

Topic

Alchemy Island is a brand new topic for Year 5 this year. We will be going on a magical journey to Alchemy Island where the children will explore the island's mysterious landscape, find out about gold and the famous art of alchemy. The children will design and make their own board games in DT based on the island and explore and recreate portal scenes in Art using colour theory knowledge. Using Ipads, the children will create their own atmospheric music which they will use to create a short mystical video.

PE

This half term, we will be learning Basketball with Mr Gunn on Wednesdays and will continue our Gymnastics, using the apparatus, on Fridays.

Parent event

Our parent event will take place on Monday 29th January. Parents are invited to visit us in our classroom from 2:15pm. We hope you can make it!

If you have any questions or queries about your child's work or wish to chat about any aspect of Year 5, please do not hesitate to catch me in the playground, pop in and see me, message me using the class email: year5@harden.bradford.sch.uk or make an appointment via the office. I wish to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Thank you

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