



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 topics, 'St Ives' and 'Biomes'; it was lovely to be able to visit St Ives where the children were able to broaden their knowledge of the local environment and its history. We also really enjoyed learning to play the recorder, our fantastic visits to Bingley Grammar School to bake and our visit from BGS music pupils!

This half term we have already begun our exciting journey back to Victorian times. Our talking topic homework has just been launched.

English

We will be reading a selection of new books including 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We have planned many activities to get to know the text; our writing focus will be newspaper reports, branching stories and biographies. 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 read 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 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 fluency and problem solving activities allowing the children to learn the skill and then reason and investigate which helps them 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 multiplication and division, fractions and decimals and percentages.

In TT Rockstars, we continue to practice our times tables daily with the focus table/s changing weekly. Please encourage your child to practice these on the APP or internet as this does help them in class.

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. We will then move on to looking at materials and their properties where we will explore conductivity.

Topic

We are going back in time to the Victorian Era to find out about Queen Victoria, what life was like for the rich and poor at home, their education and then we will move on to looking at Crime and Punishment. This will be supported by our visit to Ripon museums.

PE

This half term, we will be learning Netball on Wednesdays and Karate with Jimmy on Fridays.

Starting from next half term (after the February break), we will be taking Year 5 swimming until Summer as part of our PE sessions. More details will follow in the next few weeks and I have already discussed this with the children.

Trips

Our next trip will be to Ripon museums, which will be an extended day on Tuesday 5th February. More details will follow next week.

Parent event

Our parent event will take place on Wednesday 3rd April at 2.20pm. Parents are invited to visit us in our classroom. 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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