



Thursday 16th January 2020

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 have settled in very quickly after the new year and are already working hard.

English

We will be reading a selection of new books including 'Street Child' and 'Coming Home'. We have planned many activities to get to know the text: our writing focus will be poetry and using the power of imagery; historical stories set in the Victorian era and biographies looking at the life of Dr Barnardo. 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 which have now moved to a Tuesday. 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 use TT Rockstars to improve our times table knowledge; this helps us a great deal in our day to day maths and particularly our arithmetic. We will be learning how to use efficient written methods for multiplication and division; find fractions, decimals and percentages and solve problems in a variety of contexts.

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

Our topic for this term is 'Crime and Punishment' looking at how this has changed through time. We will also look at life in the Victorian times and compare this to our present day living. To support our learning, we will be visiting the Ripon Museums on Friday 6th March (details to follow).

PE

This half term, we will be learning Dance with Dylan's Academy of Dance on Tuesdays and fitness training with myself on Wednesdays. After February half term, we will commence our swimming lessons at Bingley Pool; I will prepare the children for this and a letter will come home shortly.

Parent event

Our parent event will take place on Friday 13th March; you are invited to visit us in our classroom from 2:20pm. 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, 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

Miss C Hall and Mrs L Ashington