



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5 Spring 1 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the spring term. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day is Tuesday; please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them.

Homework will go out on Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

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Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy, we are creating an atmosphere and building tension in our mystery and suspense writing. We will also be perfecting our skills of persuasion, instructional writing, delving into spoken word as well as continuing to build our vocabulary.

In Maths we are strengthening our knowledge of place value through investigations, comparing, ordering and sequencing numbers. We are also working on strategies concerning the four operations, finding fractions and converting different metric measurements.

We need to keep practicing our times tables up to 12 and brush up on our mental maths skills.

This term we will be continuing to learn Chumash; finishing Unit 1 and going on to Unit 2. The children will also be learning about the Chaggim of Tu B'Shevat and Purim. We will continue to learn Ivrit and practice Hebrew reading using the Aleph Champ books.

In our topic lessons, we will be learning about key aspects of the water cycle in great detail and debating whether water is a human right.

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Our topic for science is Earth and Space. We will be learning about the Solar System, the order of the planets, phases of the moon, how day and night occurs and beyond. We will also be visiting the National Maritime Museum and the Royal Observatory to view a show at the Peter Harrison Planetarium!

In RE we will be learning more about Sikhism and the practices and beliefs and how they impact the lives of Sikhs today. We will also compare these beliefs to other religions.

Our themes for PSHCE are 'Let's Work' and 'Going for Goals' where children will discuss what they would like to do in the future and what steps they might take to get there.

In PE we will be continuing to improve our hand-eye coordination through games and sports.

In Art/DT we will be exploring the works of Monet using watercolours, experimenting with a variety of brushes, gradients and colours to develop our painting skills.

In ICT we will be continuing to develop our research skills and integrating ICT in all of our subjects, particularly topic.