**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**

**YEAR 5**

**AUTUMN TERM 2018**

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would first like to welcome you and your child to Year 5! We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. Please find below the units that your child will be learning this term as well as some important information and upcoming events.

**Maths**

Pupils will be working on number in this half term. The following areas will be covered:

* *Counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1,000.*
* *Ordering and comparing numbers to a million.*
* *Finding 1,000 more or less than a given number.*
* *Recognizing the place value of each digit in a 7-digit numbers.*
* *Identifying, representing and estimating numbers using different representations.*
* *Rounding any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000.*
* *Counting* backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
* *Solving number and practical problems with the above (involving increasingly large numbers).*

**English**

Pupils will be writing adventure stories in the first few weeks of this term. They will then focus on Poetry for the rest of the term.

In adventure stories pupils will have the opportunity to write creatively and use their imagination to write their own adventure story. They will use the story of ‘The Jungle Book’ as a starting point to support their own imagination. This will be the focus text for their writing lessons.

In poetry, pupils will have the opportunity to perform poems which will enhance their speaking and listening skills. They will be using their topic “Rainforests” as an inspiration to write their very own poems.

In Reading, children will be exploring a range of text types, including Fiction, Non Fiction and Playscripts.

**Science**

This term pupil will work on the following areas of investigating about living things and their habitats:

* *I can describe the life cycle of different living things, e.g. mammal,
amphibian, insect bird.*
* *I can describe the differences between different life cycles.*
* *I can describe the process of reproduction in plants.*
* *I can describe the process of reproduction in animals.*
* *Animals Including Humans I can create a timeline to indicate stages of growth in humans.*

**MFL - Arabic**

**My House and Home:**

This term year 5 will cover the topic My House & Home. They will learn how to describe what type of house they live in whilst mentioning the number and type of rooms it has. Grammar focus will on extending the learning of masculine and feminine words. During the second half of the term pupils will cover ‘My Town’ where they learn about the features of a city/town in Arabic.Speaking focus will be on describing surroundings.

**RE**

Key Beliefs: The children will explore the articles of faith. They will focus on the belief of life after death. They will explore Islamic texts which describe Jannah.

**PE**

Sports covered this term will be: Handball, Football Pupils are learning how decisions effects the outcome of a game, how to adapt and change their decisions during the game. They will learn how to improve their potential in order to achieve their goals. Using these skills, they will improve their overall ability as an athlete. How can I run faster? Jump Higher? How can I get past a defender and score? The pupils will develop their leadership skills as well. The pupils will also be able to talk about and promote the importance of healthy life style, looking at key elements in their diet such as: Sugar, Salt and Oil and the understanding of how important it is to raise their heart rate.



**Additional Information**

**PE Kit**

Please find below the days that each class will have PE:

**5.1 – Thursday**

**5.2 – Friday**

**5.3 – Wednesday and Thursday**

All children must wear school uniform to school, **not** PE kits. They should have the school PE kit as this is part of their uniform. This **must** include trainers or plimsolls, navy or black jogging bottoms and a white T-shirt. Children are not allowed to do PE in their school shoes. We advise that children bring their PE kits in on Monday and keep them in school for the week.

**Homework**

Homework will be given out on a **Friday** for it to be completed by the following **Tuesday**. Please encourage your child to set time every day to complete the homework as if it is left to do the night before, it can be overwhelming for your child to complete in one go. It is also expected that every child reads independently for at least 20 minutes every day. Also please continue to support your child with their spellings and times tables.

Teachers will be keeping a weekly tracker of all homework that completed.

**Parent Workshop**

We would like invite all parents to a workshop on Tuesday 2nd October at 2pm in the school hall.

We will be discussing and sharing strategies that you can use to support your child in Writing, Reading and Maths.

**A Visit to the Living Rainforest**

We are currently organizing an educational visit for Year 5 to the Living Rainforest. A letter will be sent out separately with more details.

We hope that you find this information useful and that you are able to use it to support your child’s learning at home. If there are any other queries, please feel free to approach any of the Year 5 teachers in the MUGA at the end of the day or arrange an appointment at the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Year 5 teachers

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