**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**

**YEAR 5**

**AUTUMN 2 TERM 2021**

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would first of all like to welcome you and your child back to school after a busy and eventful first half term. We hope that you have had a restful short break and are ready for this term’s learning. Please find below the units that your child will be learning this term as well as some important information and upcoming events.

**English**

This term, in English, pupils will be focusing on writing biographies on some inspirational American sports personalities. We will be using different methods to carry out research on these famous figures and learn how to organise and structure this information in chronological order.

A biography is written in third person and in past tense, however closing statements may use present or future tense.

Our grammar focus will be on the use of conjunctions, adverbials and extending sentence structure through the use of main and subordinate clauses.

**Maths**

Pupils will be working on multiplication and division in this half term. The following areas will be covered:

* Multiples, factors and prime numbers
* Formal methods for multiplication and division
* Reasoning and problem-solving involving perimeter for rectilinear shapes.
* Manipulating, interpreting and representing statistical data in graphs.

**PE**

The pupils will be looking at Orienteering – Developing problem solving skills in familiar and unfamiliar situations and environments. Throughout there is an emphasis on building trust and working as a team

Topic link – Amazing Americas

Character Value – Respect / Acceptance

Enrichment unit – Good and bad Fats

Pupils also have the opportunity to work alongside professional cricket coaches, learning the foundations of playing Cricket.

**Science**

This term pupils will work on the following areas of investigating forces:

*Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.*

*Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.*

*Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate.*

*Record data and results of increasing complexity presentations.*

* *Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.*

**MFL – Arabic**

**Hobbies and Interests:**

This half term year 5 will cover the topic Hobbies and Sports in Arabic. The term’s theme will include pupils learning how to say different hobbies and sports whilst expressing likes, dislikes, preferences and reasons for them. They will also read a variety of short texts in order to grasp an understanding of the texts and they will attempt to write a short paragraph about the topic.

**RE**

In Year 5, we will understand how faith helps us to cope with matters of life and death. We will learn about the journey of the soul and the Akhirah (Hereafter).

**Additional Information**

**PE Kit**

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

**5.1 – Thursday**

**5.2 – Wednesday**

**5.3 – Wednesday**

All children must wear school uniform to school, **not** their 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 the new maroon polo 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 20-25 minutes every day. Please continue to support your child with their spellings and times tables. Teachers will be keeping a weekly tracker of all homework that is completed. Your child has a login for my-maths where they will be able to complete their maths homework online.

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 do contact the front office with your message and we will endeavor to get back to you.

Yours faithfully,

Year 5 teachers

