

Year 5

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023



A warm welcome to Catkin Class. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. The year 5 teacher this year is Miss Casey leading Catkin class with the support of Mrs Els, who you may be familiar with.

This first half term is geography based, learning all about Oceans. Our text leading the learning is Goodnight Mr Tom and we will be using this in order to publish our own narrative at the end of the term. After half term, we will be looking at the history of The Windrush and we will enjoy learning more about the Caribbean. Our linked text for English lessons will be The Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah. Throughout the term, we will also be learning about forces, lifestyle and our bodies in Science.



Catkin

English

In Autumn 1 the children will be looking at the book Goodnight Mister Tom and writing a narrative.

In Autumn 2 children will be writing a newspaper article based on The Windrush Child.

Art/Design and Technology

The Autumn term will start with us completing Art and in this unit we will be looking at Typography and how it can be used to complete pieces of artwork that convey emotions. We will finish the Autumn by making our own stuffed toys, focusing on our sewing skills and techniques.

PE Day is a Monday— Please make sure all children come to school in their PE kit, black/grey bottoms, white top and black sweat shirt.

Home Learning

This term we would like the children to complete the following tasks each week as home learning:

Times table fluency - Children should complete their 5 weekly garage games on Times Table Rockstars, as well as the weekly fluency worksheets. This will be sent home weekly with the children.

Home Learning Folder - Children have a home learning folder which will contain a maths and reading activity. This folder will come home on a Friday and will be due back in on the following Thursday.

Spellings - Children will receive new spelling lists on a Friday to take home and learn. These will be tested on the following Friday.

Reading - Children should aim to read for ten minutes every day and log this in their reading diaries. Twice a week, children should complete a longer response to their reading.

Music/Computing

In Autumn 1 we will be looking at classroom jazz in music, building on our prior knowledge of glockenspiels. In Autumn 2 we will be focusing on computing and this unit of work will be looking at computer systems and networks.

Mathematics

Place Value
Addition and Subtraction
Multiplication and Division
Fractions

Science

In science this term we will start the term by looking at different forces and how they act. We will then move on to look at the human life-cycle and our bodies, along with how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Development

In PSHE this half term we will be looking at healthy mind and bodies and how to stay safe online.

Religious Education

The overarching key question for the first half term is: Do Muslims need the Quran?

We will be exploring different ways of showing belief with special reference to Islam.

In Autumn 2, our overarching question is: Does God communicate with man?