

DEWHURST ST MARY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Year 5

Summer Term 2018-2019

The aim of this newsletter is to tell you a little bit more about what is happening in our class during the next term. Whilst not being able to mention *everything* that we will be covering, I hope you will get a flavour for the curriculum and will be able to hear the finer details from your child and see regular updates of lessons on our Class Dojo page!

Maths

In Maths, we will be studying:

- Reading Timetables and Calculating with Time,
- Solve Comparison, Sum and Difference Problems using Information in a Line Graph,
- Interpreting and Evaluating Information Presented in Charts and Tables and
- Revising place value, roman numerals, converting units of measure, the four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages.

We do arithmetic lessons daily. On Fridays we will be completing a 'Big Maths Beat That' challenge'.

English

In English, we will be studying:

- Macbeth,
- 'Tales from outer suburbia' by Shaun Tan,
- Explanation texts,
- Discussion texts and
- Poetry.

It is really important that their handwriting is joined and legible, I am expecting their best presentation is every lesson across the curriculum. The children are now revising the spelling rules that they have learnt this year. Keep practising the year 3/4 and 5/6 spelling lists which can be found in their purple reading records.

Science

Are science topics are Forces and Properties of Materials. By the end of the topics most children will be able to:

- Identify and explain the different forces acting on objects,
- Accurately measure an object's weight and mass,
- Explain Newton's role in discovering gravity,
- Explain the uses of thermal and electrical conductors and insulators and
- Identify materials that are soluble or insoluble in water.

R.E

In R.E we will be working to answer the question, 'How can people live together for the wellbeing of all?'. During this unit the children will considering their social and environmental responsibilities and discover the religious and moral codes of conduct from the Christian, Jewish and Humanist traditions. The children will then study, 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?'

Geography

In geography, we are learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. This is a really exciting topic that always engages the children as they learn about some of these natural disasters.

Our We Are Geographers topic is 'How can we save the highstreets?' where the children will conduct field research to answer the above question.

Music

Whilst learning to listen to, appraise, sing and play Hip Hop and Motown music we will be focusing on the songs 'The Fresh Prince of Bell Air' by Will Smith and 'Dancing In The Street' by Martha And The Vandellas. Year 5 will also sing at the Church for the founders service.

PE

PE is now on Tuesdays and Wednesdays however PE kits are required in school all week. With Miss Meale, the children will be playing netball and rounders. With Mr Caslake, the children are learning to play tennis.

Art & DT

In Art we will be studying Pop art, focusing on Andy Warhol.

In DT we will be evaluating, designing and creating phone or tablet cases. *(Please keep any spare fabric you may have at home aside for this project)*

Computing

In computing the children will be working on spreadsheets. In this unit they will learn to format cells and design spreadsheets for a purpose. The children will also be creating blogs.

PSHE

Our last two topics are 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. This includes learning about: relationships and technology, girlfriends and boyfriends, body image and puberty.

Additional Information

Homework is set on Thursdays and collected in on Tuesdays. If homework is not handed in on time or fully completed the children will stay in at lunch time to completed the set tasks.

Normally the homework will be set on I am Learning or Purple Mash, one piece will be topic or English based and the other piece maths. Sometimes homework will be set on paper within their homework folders. A copy of the spellings will also be found in their homework folders.

Children are expected to spend 1.5 hours a week on this homework. As stated in the Home Learning Policy, children are expected to read, consolidate their spelling learning and practise their times tables **daily**.

Reading records are required to be handed in every day signed from the previous night, a record is kept of how frequently children are reading at home. If children have not brought in their reading records or read for **3 nights in a week**, they will spend a some of their lunch time inside reading to an adult. Occasionally the children will be sent home with a book review after reading a chapter book, this is to ensure that they have understood what they have read. Please make sure an adult listens to the children reading as much as possible and questions them on what they are reading.

Acknowledgement and rewards are given to those who are reading every night alongside the bonus of them enjoying reading. Children are more than welcome to record the reading of their own books in their reading records **alongside** reading of their school book.

We use Class Dojo frequently in Year 5, so please make sure you are logged in to see all the wonderful things we are up to! The app is downloadable from the App store, click on 'parent' and enter the code that I have sent home alternatively follow these same steps on your web browser.