



Curriculum News

Spring 2 - Year 5

English:

This term we will be basing our study around William Shakespeare's '**Romeo and Juliet**'.

Children will cover various writing genres such as; narrative and report writing. We will be employing a 'talk for writing' approach which places specific emphasis on the development of our speaking and listening skills.

Children will continue to develop their grammar, punctuation and spelling in both writing and weekly SPAG sessions.

Maths:

This term we will be revisiting and developing our knowledge and understanding of place value and investigating its importance across a range of mathematical contexts. We will continue to build confidence and skills with using calculation methods efficiently and use these when solving problems. As our understanding of fractions develops, we will be calculating fractions in different ways.

As ever, it is vital that you continue to support your children at home with learning and revising multiplication and division facts so that they can continue to improve their speed and confidence with mental and written calculations.

Reading:

Children will continue to take part in weekly reading carousels comprising of a range of activities. These will build on their ability to recognise themes, draw inferences, make predictions. We will be identifying the features of a variety of different text types both fiction and non-fiction; children will be exposed to a variety of different text types.

There will continue to be an increased focus on written response to reading and comprehension.

Topic:

We will be continuing our mapping topic; identifying different types of maps, using scales and keys, reading a compass and designing and creating our own maps. Children will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge on our class trip; the London landmark walk along the river Thames.

In **Science** we will be continuing our study of living things and their habitats. Children will learn how to describe living things and their habitats, differences in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds and to describe the process of reproduction in different plants and animals.

In **P.E** children are learning the skills practised in the sport of Tennis; they have been learning about the forehand and backhand swing and how to strike the ball into various target areas with control, accuracy and consistency. They will also understand why exercise is important for health and the benefits of warming up and cooling down.

In **PSHCE** we will be continuing to focus on building relationships with peers, coping with change and the importance of nutrition and diet for a growing body.

Computing:

Children will continue to communicate and present their ideas in a variety of ways utilising different programs. We will build on our knowledge of keeping safe on the internet.

Diary Dates

Friday 3rd March—World Book Day

6th March—10th March—Science Week

Wednesday 8th March—Year 5 Classes - Trip - Central London Riverside Walk and River Boat

Friday 10th March—Year 4 Classes visiting St John's Wood Library

Wednesday 15th March—Year 5 Classes - Trip to visit Shree Swaminarayan temple in Willesden

Friday 17th March—Year 1 Classes—Trip-St. Paul's Cathedral Trip

Monday 20th March—Year 4 Classes—Trip to Museum of London Docklands

Homework:

We encourage pupils to complete reading, multiplication and spelling words weekly.

Children will be given weekly Maths and English homework; we expect that this will be completed and submitted on time each week.

If you have any questions about your child's learning please feel free to discuss this with your child's class teacher.