



Year 5 Newsletter

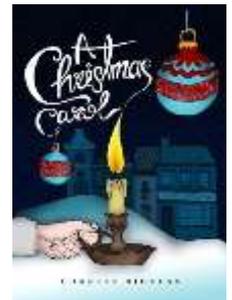
November 2021

It's been wonderful to have the children back after half term and we are delighted with their attitude to learning. We are looking forward to a busy but exciting period as we turn our attention to the first assessments of year 5.

Since finishing our shorter topic about the painter L.S Lowry, we are learning all about the Victorian era! We have been focusing on the difference between the poor and rich society. Children have been writing setting descriptions and planning their own diary extracts of the life of a child in a workhouse. We will also be investigating Victorian holidays and entertainment including Punch and Judy shows. In addition to this, children will create their very own puppet character based on their guided reading book. We are excited to announce, that as of now, the Year 5 Christmas performance this year 'A Pudding for the Chimney Sweep' will be going ahead! The children have already started working with Mr O'Hare to practise and perform our production. Dates to follow with information about ticket allocation.

Reading

At the end of November, we will start to study **Charles Dicken's A Christmas Carol**. This is great for characterisation and developing a deeper understanding of using language and vocabulary for effect. Also, the children love the ghosts and scary bits! 😊



Maths

Children are currently working on Multiplication and Division in Maths, including factors and multiples and new concepts such as squared, cubed and prime numbers! It is crucial that children have an excellent knowledge of times tables as this is key to many Year 5 maths concepts – especially this one! Please encourage your child to learn them at home and use Times Table Rock stars! They will use a range of mental methods for multiplication and division. After this, they will move onto a shorter topic of Statistics before Christmas. In maths lessons children have many opportunities to apply their knowledge to solve problems and answer reasoning questions

Science



Our current Science topic, 'Properties and Changes of Materials', will teach children about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. They will explore the properties of materials to find the most suitable material for different purposes. Furthermore, they will have chance to find the best electrical conductor and the opportunity to work in a hands-on way to explore dissolving. Finally, they will find out about different ways to separate mixtures of materials, using filtering, sieving, and evaporating.

Homework and Reading

Homework will be sent out on a Friday and will expect it to be returned the following Friday (if not before) each week.

As you will be aware, we have given out reading books. Please ensure your child reads at least 3 times a week and sign their reading diary. Children know to bring their book in each day to be checked and signed. We are continuing to monitor and reward children with stickers- towards buying a book from the shop.

PE

PE for year 5 is on a Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct kit- black or navy joggers/tracksuit bottoms, a white or pale blue plain round neck t-shirt, a plain navy or black tracksuit top (without a hood), school jumper or fleece and trainers. If the weather allows it, we will try to have the children outside for PE sessions.



We are still seeing the effects of Covid-19 on children's learning in school. We are working very hard to support children with catch-up and revisiting anything they may have missed! There are many home learning platforms which school continue to use and can be accessed at home. These include:

www.educationcity.com

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> (*Bug club and Abacus maths*)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

<http://www.spellingshed.co.uk>

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Take care and stay safe.

The Year 5 Team

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