

Year 5 Information

Spring Term 1 - 2019



Mr Grech



Mrs Carmody



Mrs Tyler



Miss Spiro

Dates for the diary	
Friday 15 th February	Friends of Ravenscroft School Disco
	Last day of half-term
Monday 25 th February	School is closed for INSET day
Tuesday 26 th February	Children return to school

Reading is Important

All pupils have a reading book which must be kept in their reading bag or folders and brought into school every day; It is very important that your child brings in their book every day as we often provide opportunities to read in class. Pupils can change their book when they have finished it.

Pupils may also take a book from the book corner every week. A new book can be taken home only if the previous one is returned.

Please encourage your child to read, each day sit with them and talk to them about their book. They need to understand what they are reading – not just be able to read the words.

Try taking your child to the local library, it's free to join and borrow books.

Educational Visits

We will be visiting the Tate and Lyle building in Silvertown as part of the Junior Citizen Scheme which is run by the Metropolitan Police.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club takes place every day in the Family Room from 8am to 9am at a cost of £2 per day. Call at the school office to arrange a place for your child.

Home learning

Times tables and weekly spellings will be sent home and tested weekly at school. These need to be practised each night so that your child is fully prepared.

It would also be very helpful if you could teach your child to tie their shoelaces, tell the time and practise basic addition and subtraction through money when paying for items in a shop. This will help your child to connect the strategies that they have learnt in school with real life situations.

ALL pupils will be required to read 15 – 20 minutes of their class reader at home each evening.

Children are expected to practise their spellings at home; this will either be the Year 4 irregular words or the Year five irregular words. ALL pupils should have a copy of the relevant list of words to learn.

Need to talk to your child's teacher?

Remember – you don't need to wait until Parents' Evenings to talk to your child's class teacher. Messages or information can be shared when you drop off /collect your child. If you need a conversation, make an appointment – your child's teacher will normally see you on the same day.

Reminders

- SCS will be having a PE lesson on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 5G and 5T have their lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Please make sure they have their P.E. kits including trainers/plimsolls with them on these days and that it is not worn under their uniform. Jewellery must not be worn at school except for stud earrings which must be removed or covered with plasters for P.E.
- Please ensure ALL of your child's clothing and shoes are labelled with their name. It is your child's responsibility to keep their belongings safe.
- Remember school starts at 9.00am – don't be late! Pupils may bring a bottle of water to drink during the day.
- Please make sure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions (hat, scarf, gloves etc.)

And finally...

The soft start to the day has started really well. We have received positive feedback from both children and parents alike; the children are settled into school and ready to learn at 9.00am. However, please ensure that your child does not arrive in the playground any earlier than 8.50am!

Thanks.

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RE

Inner Forces

In this unit, children will explore stories from a range of religious traditions: the story of Adam and Eve (Judeo-Christian tradition), the story of Jonah (Judeo-Christian tradition), the story of Bilal (Muslim tradition) and the story of Buddha. In each they will be encouraged to look for levels of meaning and to apply what they have learnt to their own experiences.

FRENCH

Weather Around the World / Changes in the weather

During this unit, children will learn to name and describe the seasons. This will include asking and answering questions and having a conversation about the weather. They will also learn about the names of different countries in French.

HISTORY

Vikings

Following on from their previous unit of work on the invasions from the Anglo Saxons and the Jutes, this term, the students will be learning about the Viking conquests and how this left its mark in Britain in terms of language, traditions, values etc. and the impact on modern day Britain.

PE

Team invasion/evasion games (Football)

Children will be coached by instructors from West Ham Primary Stars

Health and Fitness

Children will be able to: explain some important principles when preparing for exercise (specific muscles); explain the effect that exercise has on their body and explain why exercise is important.

ART/DT

Grace Hartigan

This half term the Year 5 students will study the work of the American Expressionist artist Grace Hartigan, particularly those paintings that were executed using the dripping technique. With this project the students will be encouraged to mix the previously learned figurative and abstract art practices, as she did in her work.

COMPUTING

Kodu - Becoming a game designer

Children will use a program called KODU to create a game. Kodu lets pupils create games on the PC and Xbox via a simple visual programming language. Kodu can be used to teach creativity, problem solving, storytelling, as well as programming.

SCIENCE

Properties and changes of materials

Children will compare and group materials based on their properties. They will explore dissolving, separating materials, uses of everyday materials and reversible and irreversible changes.

MUSIC

ECAM

Children will learn to play a musical instrument of their choice through the Every Child A Musician scheme as well as learn to read music.