

Year 5 Information Spring Term 2 - 2018



Mr Grech



Mrs Carmody



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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.

Homes Wanted!



Year 5 currently have a number of Giant African Land Snails who are looking for a new home; they really make good pets! If you are interested, please come and talk to any of the Year 5 teachers.

Reminders

- Year 5 will be having a PE lesson on Mondays. 5G will also have PE on Wednesdays and 5B on 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.)
- 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.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 16 th March	Class Photos
Weds 14 th & Thurs 15 th March	Drama Production of Peter Pan
Tuesday 27 th March	Friends of Ravenscroft Easter Event
Wednesday 28 th March	Last day of term
Monday 16 th April	Children return to school

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club takes place every day in the Family Room 8am to 9am at a cost of £1 per day. Please bring your child to the main office.

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.

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RE

Jesus' Example

In this unit, pupils will explore how Christians and Christian groups have tried to follow Jesus of Nazareth. They will also be given the opportunity to identify what their own priorities in life are, and consider who they follow.

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

Islamic Civilisation

This half term, Year 5 will be looking into the achievements of Islamic civilisation – from the development of the Arabic numbers we use today to the incredible advancements made in Astronomy and Medicine. Students will develop a broad overview of what was achieved and what life was like in two of the most impressive Islamic cities. Namely, Cordoba in Spain and Baghdad in Iraq which were both multicultural centres of science and culture.

PE

Gymnastics

Children will be able to perform consistently to different audiences and move accurately, with clarity and consistency.

Outdoor adventurous activities

Children will be able to follow a map in an unknown location. They will learn to use clues and compass directions to navigate a route and change their route if there is a problem. They will also be able to change their plan if they get new information. Children will also develop their team building skills to solve challenges.

ART/DT

Bridges

As a class students research bridge designs assessing their strengths and weaknesses. Throughout the half term students discover methods to strengthen bridges using shapes and folding techniques. Students then plan and build a bridge considering materials and joining techniques and methods of strengthening their bridges. Year 5 then evaluate their bridges against their design brief.

COMPUTING

Webpage Design

This unit combines the further development of children's skills for searching the Internet with the introduction of creating and editing a webpage using Google sites. Children will learn how to use some of the other advanced search features in Google and how to create a webpage. Children are encouraged to consider related e-safety issues such as use of logins and passwords, and the use of their own images and photos and those of others.

SCIENCE

Earth and Space

Children will describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun, as well as the Moon relative to Earth. They will use this explain day and night.

MUSIC

Songs Composing

Improvise, compose, notate and perform short songs using their instruments to accompany the performance.