

Year 5 Autumn 2 Curriculum

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing half term break and the children are feeling refreshed and ready to get back into their work. The Year 5 team have been so impressed with the children's attitude to learning and behaviour around the school, and their enthusiasm during the first half term, especially towards their CSI Shirley topic, was exceptional. As a result of this, the children created a fantastic scientific museum to prove which Year 5 teacher was guilty! We have lots more exciting learning planned for this half term and can't wait to get started!

Autumn 2 Curriculum –Shackleton's Journey

This half term we are focusing on a book called 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill, who has already visited us and spoken about his work as an author and illustrator. This book explores the true story of how Ernest Shackleton and his crew managed to survive crossing the frozen heart of Antarctica by displaying great courage and endurance. The children will become members of Shackleton's crew during this topic and learn about the harsh and extreme dangers that they faced upon their journey.

For our literacy learning, the children will focus on one of the crew members of the expedition and write a biography all about them. In indoor PE, the children will be creating movements to showcase parts of Shackleton's courageous journey across Antarctica.

At the end of the topic, each class will be taking a section of the expedition and performing it through dance and singing. These will be put together to show the Journey of Shackleton over the Antarctica for our Christmas production. The production will be performed during the afternoon on Thursday 14th December. A letter will be sent out closer to the time with regard to costumes and timings. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Homework – Each week the children will be set times table homework which will swap between **online** maths homework using Times Tables Rock Stars and a sheet of times tables. They are set on a **Wednesday** and are due back on a **Monday**. If you do not have access to a tablet or computer, the ICT suite is available on Wednesday and Friday lunchtime for children to complete their Rock Stars homework.

SPELLINGS – Autumn 2 Curriculum words have already been sent home this week along with the spelling booklet. Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week of the half term. The spellings are:

temperature	apparent
forty	desperate
individual	communicate
dictionary	government
parliament	system

We are also sending out a weekly spelling homework that recaps on different spelling rules which the children learn on a Monday.

PE

Outdoor PE: Wednesday (all classes)

Indoor Games: Tuesday (Sea Otters and Malamutes)

Orcas have swimming lessons.

Team spirit will be teaching outdoor PE this half term with a focus on football. The children will learn defending strategies and work on dribbling and shooting the ball at a goal.

During indoor PE the children will be creating a dance to showcase the incredible journey of Shackleton and his crew. This will be shown in their production at the end of the half term.

PE Kit- Just a reminder that for P.E, all children have a white coloured T- Shirt and black shorts; alternatively they may wear a plain coloured T-Shirt representing their house colour. It is crucial that children have a lightweight rain jacket and warm clothing as Thursday's lessons are outdoors. Long hair must always be tied up and all jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed then they must be taped.

Key dates in year 5 - Autumn 2

30.10.17- William Grill (author and illustrator of Shackleton's Journey) in to talk to Year 5.

W/B 30.10.17- Science Week

8.11.17 - NSPCC Workshop

10.11.17 - Polar Workshop

17.11.17 - Rock Challenge School disco

24.11.17 - PTFA Non-uniform day

28.11.17 - Share My Learning (8.45am – 9.15am)

30.11.17 - Share My Learning (3.20pm – 3.50pm)

1.12.17 - PTA Christmas Fair (after school)

14.12.17 - Year 5 production (PM)

15.12.17 - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

W/B 18.12.17 - Maths Week

21.12.17 - Christingle. Christmas Café open in school hall after Christingle.

Swimming

A reminder that Swimming will start in Autumn 2 on Tuesday afternoons.

Please ensure your child has a towel, goggles and a swimming costume. If they have a swimming cap they can bring one if they wish.

Orcas- 31st October – 5th December

Sea Otters- 12th December- (23rd of January we have a workshop so there will be no swimming on that Tuesday) -6th February

Malamutes- 20th February- 27th March

Reading We want to say a massive well done to all the children for working hard on their reading and making sure their planners come in regularly! It is so fantastic to see how much you are reading and how much you enjoy it! As a reminder, they should be reading at home regularly and recording this in their planners. The planners will be checked by their teacher and they will be entered in the whole school reading raffle and the Year 5 reading reward competition.

Parent Helpers We would also like to say a massive thank you to all the parent helpers who are already helping us in Year 5 with reading and maths, the children love coming out with you all and really enjoy it. If you have any free time and are willing to come in to school, the Year 5 teachers and children would be extremely grateful. Please speak to the school office if you would like to help.

Thank you for again for all of your support.

The Year 5 Team

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