

YEAR 5 SUMMER 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. I hope you had a good rest and managed to get out and enjoy the sunshine. Hopefully, the children are feeling refreshed and ready for a hard-working half term.

Last half term, we focused upon a gripping poem called 'The Highwayman'. For the first week of this half term, we will continue working with this poem, focusing upon Part II (the best part!)

Following this, we will be concentrating on a fascinating National Geographic book about Explorers, which links brilliantly with our new geography topic. We will use the book within English and whole class reading sessions to learn about different locations around the world, their fascinating facts and some of the inspiring adventurers who have explored these locations. All of the sessions will build into our own explorer's handbook, which will focus upon a location of choice from around the world.

Finally, for the last few weeks of the half term, we will delve into another Michael Morpurgo book which tells the story of a child's challenging journey across the sea to an unknown land, where he eventually learns to survive. This text will inspire several pieces of non-fiction writing such as diary entries and letters. Each lesson will begin with a short grammar starter, where we will continue consolidating our use of apostrophes as well as subordinating conjunctions to create subordinate clauses.

In maths this half term, we will finish our topic on fractions, decimals and percentages and how we convert between them. We will also be learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimal numbers. There will be a problem solving and reasoning focus once a week, applying what we have learnt. We will also have a short session each week to work on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables up to 12 x 12.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers.

I am looking forward to a full half term within school, enjoying lots of varied, exciting learning. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Miss Wood



Important Days

Monday:

Reading books changed

Thursday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Friday:

Spelling test

Mental maths mini test

Important Dates

27.4.21 – Parents' Evening @ 4pm–6:30pm via Parent Cloud

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3.5.21 – Bank Holiday – school closed

4.5.21 – Y5 & Y6 English meeting for parents @ 4pm–4:30pm via Zoom

6.5.21 – Year 5 Class Assembly @ 9:30am via Zoom

7.5.21 – NSPCC Number Day

13.5.21 – Whole School Mass @ 9:30am via Zoom

14.5.21 – Bring a flower for Mary

21.5.21 – Y2 & Y5 Shared Mass @ 1:00pm via Zoom

24.5.21 – Pentecost Picnic

WC 24.5.21 – STEM week

27.5.21 – School closes for holidays @ 3:20pm

28.5.21 – Training Day

