

Year 5 Spring Curriculum Letter

Mengham Junior School

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Please find information in this newsletter regarding the year 5 curriculum this term. It's a busy one!

English

In our first writing unit this term, we will be publishing a book called Dragonology. This will tell the reader everything they need to know about dragons. We will use all our non-chronological writing techniques to make it as interesting and engaging as possible. After this, we will write a survival narrative based on a ruined city. We will be practising our persuasive writing skills to sell abandoned mansions. Finally we will write speeches to defend either the wolf or the three little pigs in a trial.

In guided reading, we have been reading the Switch and are now reading Earth Heroes, a text about different people who are looking after our planet. We will continue to practise a range of reading skills through these texts.

Maths

We started the term off by building on our fractions knowledge and linking this to percentages, measurement and geometry with lots of problem solving along the way. Later in the term, we will cover the four operations—once again exploring them through a range of problem solving activities. We will also have a brief look at statistics and reading and interpreting data.

Geography

We will carry out a survey of how useful our local shops are as we explore the land use around in Mengham. To help us, we will use the program Digimaps to help identify local landmarks and the human features of our local area.

Computing

A focus for our computing lessons this first half term will be online

safety which will lead into the whole school 'Safer Internet Day'. The children will also be learning how to film using the tools in iMovie and learning how to edit clips using a green screen.

Music

In music this term, we have Hampshire Music coming in to teach us brass instruments - cornet, trombone and baritone. How very exciting!

PDL

In Personal Development Learning, we are focusing on being involved in our community. We are going to think about the positive and negative impact people can have on the local community and the importance of being responsible members of Hayling Island.

Science

Throughout the term, we will be carrying out a longitudinal study: How do shadows change during the day and over the year? We will also be learning how to make new substances and find out if we can reverse a change we have made to a substance, or if it is irreversible. After half term, we will be looking at forces and discovering how they effect how things move. It should be an exciting term finding out lots of new information!

R.E.

Our R.E. learning for this term covers the concept of 'stewardship'. During this unit, we will be learning what stewardship is and start to explore how it is expressed within world views. We will also be learning about how humanists try and lead a good life.

P.E.

We love to be active in Year 5 and this term we will be working on our movement and balances in gymnastics and yoga. This term we also take part in Bikeability which will be exciting! For the second half term of the term, we will be improving our skills in dance and netball.

DT

A motivating challenge awaits Year 5 as we design, plan and make marble mazes. The intention is to improve our woodwork skills to make excellent mazes for others to use.

Fort Purbrook

How could we forget our amazing residential to Fort Purbrook?! Taking place towards the end of term, we know the children will have a fabulous time, enjoying exciting activities and learning new skills. We can't wait!

Home Learning

Home learning logs will continue to be sent home so you can record weekly reading. This also includes all the logins you require for online learning and a space to record when your child has practised their times tables and maths skills on Numbots. Don't forget to fill in the reading challenge for spring term too!

Please support your child to enjoy P.E. as much as they can by making sure they have a full indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school each week. They should have the following items in school all the time: black shorts/ tracksuit trousers, a house-team coloured t-shirt or polo-shirt and suitable trainers. You will be contacted by email if any of these items are missing as these lessons are **compulsory** and an important part of our curriculum. Earrings must be removed, or if recently pierced, covered with tape provided by home.

Key Events & Dates for Year 5

P.E.: Monday and Wednesday

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 10th February

INSET: Friday 13th February

Half term: 16th-20th February

Parents' evenings: Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th March

World Book Day: Thursday 5th March

Fort Purbrook Residential :

Wednesday 25th — Friday 27th March

DT Challenge Day: Monday 23rd March

Easter Holidays: 30th March —10th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 21st April