

Year 5 Spring Curriculum Letter

Mengham Junior School

January 2025



We hope you all had a fantastic festive break and are looking forward to a new term.

English

In our first writing unit this term, we will be discussing the question 'Should plastic be banned forever?' and write a discussion text with our thoughts. Later on, we will be looking at abandoned mansions and using language to help us persuade our audience to buy them! Towards the end of the term, linking to History, we will be studying biographies of the most terrible people from the past. We will be writing our own instructions and biographies based on our findings. We finish the term looking at Dragonology! In guided reading, we are going to focus first on poetry and then move on to Earth Heroes, reading about different people who are looking after our planet.

Maths

We will start 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.

We will also 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 the local shops are as we explore land use around us. To help us, we will use the program Digimaps to help identify local landmarks and the human features of Mengham.

Computing

A main focus for our computing lessons this term will be online safety which will prepare us for the whole school 'Safer Internet Day'. We will also be introducing the children to using Micro-Bits to further develop our coding skills by editing and adapting code.

Music

In music this term, we have Hampshire Music coming in to teach us some musical instruments.

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

To begin with, we will be looking at making new substances and 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!

Art

In art, we will be working with clay: exploring the work of the artist Stephen Wiltshire and creating imaginary world clay tiles.

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.

P.E.

We love to be active in Year 5 and for the next half term we will be working on our movement and balances in gymnastics and yoga. This term we also complete Bikeability which will be exciting!

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 all the activities and learning new skills. We can't wait!

Home Learning

Reading logs will also continue to be sent home so you can record weekly reading. This log also includes all the logins you require for online learning and space to record when your child has practiced their times tables and maths skills on Numbots. Don't forget to fill in the reading challenge for spring term too! Spelling Frame is available for practice for those who wish to access this.

Please ensure your child has a full indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school each week. This includes 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.: Wednesday and Thursday

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 11th February

INSET: Friday 14th February

Half term 17th-21st February

Parents' evenings: Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th February

World Book Day: Thursday 6th March

Fort Purbrook Residential :

Wednesday 26th — Friday 28th March

DT Challenge Day: Thursday 3rd April

Easter Holidays 7th —21st April

Bank Holiday: Monday 21st April