

Year 5 Spring Curriculum Letter

Mengham Junior School

January 2023



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

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.

English

Our first writing unit this term links with History and 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. Later on in the term we will be looking closely at a text called 'Water Tower' where we will carefully study the pictures as well as the text and practise building suspense in our writing.

Maths

We will start the term off by applying our calculation and number skills to measurement. This will help us explore decimals in a context and link key facts. We will explore this through a range of problem solving. After this, we will start building on our fractions knowledge and link this to percentages, again with lots of problem solving along the way.

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 using Scratch to further develop our coding skills by editing and adapting code as well as creating our own.

Music

Year 5 will be learning the skills required for playing the xylophone. This includes learning about notation and it's importance. We will then work together to learn and practice melodies.

PDL

In PDL this term we will be celebrating differences and diversity. This will link into our learning about the impact of bullying. This will also link to our online safety learning as we also explore the impact of cyberbullying. In the second part of the term, we will be looking at our links to our communities.

Science

To begin with, we will be building on our knowledge of light. We will explore how light behaves and how this enables us to see. After half term, we will be finding out about space and gravity. It should be an exciting term finding out lots of new information!

Art

In art, we will be developing our drawing, painting and collage skills through our study of Kaspar Kiec resulting in recreating Kiec's amazing art linked to the planets and space.

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 continuing to build on our understanding of team work and competition by learning and applying the rules and skills of netball. In addition, we will be working on our movement and balances.

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!

Home Learning

We will continue to set spelling homework online as well as sticking a copy of the week's spellings in the children's reading logs. 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!

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 text if your child has items 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

P.E.: Wednesdays and Fridays

Home Learning due: Thursday

Home Learning set: Fridays

Times Tables Rock Stars Day:

Monday 16th January

Safer Internet Day:

Tuesday 7th February

Parents' evenings: Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th February

INSET: Friday 10th February

Half Term: Monday 13th — Friday 17th Feb

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March

Fort Purbrook:

Wednesday 22nd—Friday 24th March

End of term: 31st March