

# Year 5 Spring Curriculum Letter

Mengham Junior School

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

## English

Our first writing unit this term will be writing a piece based on different battle cries, with us trying to persuade the readers to join their cause. Later on, we will be looking at abandoned mansions and using language to help us persuade you to buy them! At 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. In guided reading, we are going to focus first on poetry and then move on to Earth Heroes to look at 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—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-Bit to further develop our coding skills by editing and adapting code.

## Music

Our topic this term will be looking at music in relation to space. We will learn how to listen and respond to music, then be able to write, rehearse and perform our own pieces based on space.

## 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 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 hockey and basketball. In addition, we will be working on our movement and balances in gymnastics and dance,

## 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

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 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 Friday

Beech Class Assembly:

Friday 19th January

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February

Half term 12th-16th February

Parents' evenings: Monday 4th and  
Wednesday 6th March

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March

Fort Purbrook Residential :

Wednesday 20th — Friday 22nd March

DT Challenge Day: Tuesday 26th March

INSET: Thursday 28th March

Easter Holidays 3rd — 14th April