



Year 5 Newsletter – Spring Term 2 2023 – 2024

Dear families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and child will find useful.

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Chatsworth – Miss Barlow

Cliveden – Miss Frensemeyer

Hughenden – Mrs Munday

Manderston – Mr Fuller (Year Leader)

The teaching assistants in Year 5 are Miss Simon, Miss Kabir and Mrs Srivastava. Mr Raynor will be teaching some of our lessons including PE. Miss Bird and Miss Kiczma-Walsh will be teaching and supporting across the year group.

Maths

This half-term, we be developing our understanding of decimals up to and including thousandths. We will begin the half-term by focusing on the value of each decimal and where it would sit within a place value grid . As we carry on through the half term we will use this knowledge to link decimals to fractions (which were our focus last half term) and then also start to understand how these link to percentages.

Following this, we will also be continuing on developing ourselves within our arithmetic lessons, in particular focusing on times tables, mental addition, division and subtraction, across a range of domains.

Reading

For our novel studies for this half term we will be completing ‘The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe’, prior to exploring the classic poem ‘The Highwayman’ and then exploring non-narrative texts. During our SQUIRT sessions, we will continue developing our inference and evidence finding skills in addition to predicting the content of texts based around their historical context.

The children will have the opportunity to visit the library and change their books on the following days:

Chatsworth – Thursdays

Cliveden – Wednesdays

Hughenden – Mondays

Manderston – Tuesdays

English

This half-term, we be writing a range of non-narrative texts, including tourist information leaflets, formal and informal letters and diary entries. We will revise how to use and link various types of clause

use punctuation such as commas, colons, semi colons and apostrophes, discuss paragraph use and explore how to write dialogue accurately.

Science

Over this half-term, Year 5 scientists will be learning all about forces and how physics surrounds us. We will be focusing on the different types of forces, including water resistance, air resistance, gravity, and friction. We will be participating in a variety of science experiments to investigate Newton's Laws of cause-and-effect that forces have on moving objects. Pupils will also learn and understand the process of how mechanisms work and the types of mechanisms that we use in our daily lives.

Primary Knowledge Curriculum

This half term will be focused on History and we will be learning about Baghdad c. 900. Over the half term, we will explore how Islam spread around the world and what the layout of Baghdad was in 900 CE. We will also learn about why many people came to Baghdad from around the world and how the Mongol attack destroyed the city.

In addition, during DT lessons this half term, we will be learning how to sew bags. During this unit, we will investigate different sewing techniques before creating our own bag designs that will contain either applique or embroidery. This will then enable us to sew our own tote bags.

RE

This half-term we will be focusing on Christian beliefs and how some events in Holy Week (Easter) tell Christians about Jesus' purpose/destiny. Pupils will also learn why pilgrimage is important to some religious communities.

PHSE

During his half-term in PHSE, we will be learning about the different roles food and substances can play in people's lives as well as the various impacts food and substances can have on our lives. Pupils will also learn about the pressures of body image how the misuse of smoking and alcohol is unhealthy and how it can affect people's lives negatively. We will always be learning the importance of how we can value and respect our bodies and how to have a positive impact and influence self-awareness and self-esteem.

French

This half term, French lessons will be focused on the seasons. We will learn how to name each of the four seasons and write which is our favourite and why.

Computing

This half term, the children will be learning about coding and cryptography. Children will explore semaphore and Morse code, use these methods to send encrypted messages and learn about how the Enigma machine worked and it's importance during the Second World War.

Music

During Music lessons, children will learn how to vary the volume of their singing and control the rhythm of their singing and use of percussion instruments, in addition to continuing to further their ability to play brass instruments.

P.E.

Outdoor PE this half term is focused on basketball skills. During these lessons, we will be learning how to control the ball, how to intercept a ball and how to defend against the opposing team.

The focus of Indoor PE is dance. Over the course of the half term, we will be developing our physical control, coordination with others and ability to create and perform routines.

PE will take place on the following days:

Chatsworth – Mondays and Tuesdays

Cliveden – Mondays and Tuesdays

Hughenden – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Manderston – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Please ensure your child has the correct PE uniform in school on their PE days. For indoor lessons children are expected to wear a house colour t shirt and blue shorts, and for outdoor lessons it is suggested that during the colder months that they wear tracksuit bottoms and a jumper.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

Snacks

The school continues to acknowledge the importance of good nutrition as an aid to learning. Therefore, can we please remind you that any snacks for break should be healthy e.g. fruit or vegetables.

Waterproof Coats

Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day, as we make the most of outside learning opportunities in all weathers.

We look forward to another fantastic term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Fuller, Miss Frensemeyer, Mrs Munday and Miss Barlow