



Year 5 Newsletter – Summer Term 1 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 Sayer, Miss Kabir and Mrs Srivastava. Mr Raynor will be teaching some of our lessons including PE. Miss Bird and Mrs Georgy will be teaching and supporting across the year group.

Maths

This half-term, our Maths will be focusing on solidifying our understanding of how to add, subtract and multiply decimals. We will use these skills across a range of real life scenarios in which we would need decimals, such as within money.

After we have completed this, we will then turn our attention to look at angles. Throughout this topic we will look at how to use a protractor to measure, draw and calculate angles and explore angles within a range of shapes, including: polygons and quadrilaterals.

Within shapes, we will also be looking at perpendicular lines, parallel lines and how to explain our reasoning to our answers when we are solving problems.

Additionally, we will also continue our Friday consolidation lessons, where we focus on subjects such as calculating time, multi-step word problems using all operations, converting time and 2d and 3d shapes within nets.

Reading

This half-term, our SQUIRT text will be Tales From Outer Suburbia by Shaun Tan; a compilation of different short stories involving unusual events in a suburban setting. Throughout the half term, our reading sessions will focus on developing vocabulary, retrieval and inference skills. In addition, we will also compare the themes, language and styles of each story within the book to better understand Tan as an author.

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

Writing

Over the course of this half-term, we will write a range of texts based on the different stories in 'Tales of Outer Suburbia', including informal letters and an agony aunt style letter response, a short story and an alternative story ending. To support us with our writing, we will focus on different grammatical techniques including different ways to add detail and create interest (including adverbial phrases, prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases), tenses and planning, evaluating and editing skills. We will also revise apostrophes, suffixes and prefixes in order to accurately use these within our written work.

Science

Year 5 will be stepping into their space and astronomer roles this half-term in Science. During Summer 1, Year 5 will be learning all about 'Earth and Space' and how the universe relates to our planet, Earth. Across the half-term, pupils will cover a range of topics including; the theories of how the universe began, the Solar System, the planets within our Solar System, gravity, the different phases of the moon, and how the Earth's rotation explains day and night.

Primary Knowledge Curriculum

This half term will be focused on Geography and we will be learning about Western Europe. Over the half term, we will learn to identify both the countries and capital cities that make up Western Europe using an atlas as well as exploring the physical and human geographical features that can be found within these countries.

Additionally, this half term, we will be exploring Chinese art. Across the course of this unit, we will be experimenting with a variety of brushes to create different brushstrokes with varying intensities. We will have the opportunity to plan, sketch and paint an image which we will then compare to traditional Chinese art.

RE

Year 5 will be covering Sikh beliefs this half-term, with the key inquiry question being; Why don't all members of a religious or non-religious community believe and live in the same ways? Students will focus on how Sikhs show their commitment to their God.

PHSE

In PHSE students in Year 5 will be focusing on skills and knowledge relating to relationships. The unit will focus on how students can respectfully and safely communicate with peers when using technology. As well as identifying situations when they need to stand up for themselves and or their friends.

French

This half term, we will be learning how to say ten ice-cream flavours in French. We will learn how to say what ice-cream flavour we would like and specify whether we would like it in a cone or a tub.

Computing

During Computing this half term, we will be learning how to use basic graphic modelling tools on the laptops to create 3D models. We will learn a variety of skills such as combining shapes through grouping, connecting, repositioning and resizing.

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 athletics skills. During these lessons, we will be learning how to accelerate from a variety of starting positions, hurdle over obstacles, jump for height and length and compete as part of a team relay.

The focus of Indoor PE is hockey. Over the course of the half term, we will be developing our dribbling, passing and shooting skills.

Wednesday PE is also the slot in which children who require swimming practise will have the opportunity to do so.

PE will take place on the following days:

Chatsworth – Mondays and Wednesdays

Cliveden – Mondays and Wednesdays

Hughenden – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Manderston – Wednesdays 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