



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Academy of Academic, Artistic, Athletic and Excellence

Spring Term

Year Five Newsletter

Daily Reading

The children are expected to read daily at home, making personal choices about the books they would like to read. They should aim to read for a minimum of 10 minutes every day at convenient times.

Maths

Every child continues to have access to Mathletics in Year 5 and we ask that children use it regularly to support the work they are undertaking in lessons. Their target is still 500 points a week (the completion deadline is 7pm on Sunday evening).

Should your child be unable to access the website then time can be provided in school to reach this target. It is the responsibility of your child to notify us of this so they do not fall behind.

We also ask that the children continue learning and practising their times tables .

Creative Homework

What is great about me?

due 24/2/20

Biomes

due 20/4/20

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all! A very warm welcome back after what we hope has been a restful and festive Christmas season. The previous term was a great success and we are looking forward to building on that in the coming months. We have an exciting array of topics and subjects ahead of us over the next few months and this letter is to give you a flavour of what is in store for your children.

Subject Overviews

English

In English, we will link our writing to our topic on Space; focusing on persuasive writing and developing our skills for writing Science Fiction stories. Also, we are planning to write suspenseful stories about topics such as The Highwayman.

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division, Area and Perimeter and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages throughout the spring terms, alongside further developing the children's abilities to use and apply known methods to solve mathematical problems. The aim will be to become more adept at reasoning to solve challenges both independently and in groups. Continued consolidation of their basic skills is a key area as this will build their confidence as we move forward towards the end of year; therefore we ask that the children are continuing to regularly practise their times tables and corresponding division facts at home to aid them in this.

Science

In Science, we will move on to the subject of Forces. The children will have the opportunity to measure forces, consider the direction of force and how that affects the motion of an object, understand friction and the principles of gravity and how forces are applied through simple machines such as pulleys and levers.

Events

13th January

Year 5 Swimming starts

7th February

National Space Centre trip

13th February

Years 4/5/6 Film Night

3rd & 4th March

Parents' Evening

5h March

World Book Day

24th March

Last Swim

3rd April

KS2 Easter Service

Subject Overviews

Computing

In computing we will be reintroducing Office 365 as a collaborative online tool. We will be discussing some of the personal e-safety aspects of passwords and sharing work with others as well as beginning to really develop the use of some of the apps in the suite, including email, Sway and especially OneNote.

Humanities

In Geography we will be learning about Biomes. We will look at what a biome is, what is impacting on them and how humans are helping and damaging different biomes across the world. In History, we will be learning about the earliest civilisations in the Middle East. Through this we will be answering questions about the different religions, the reasons for why different wars were fought and what the Ottoman Empire was.

Health an Wellbeing

Our Health and Wellbeing sessions are embedded throughout our curriculum and focus on the children seeing themselves as valued individuals within the school and wider community. Children will focus on the importance of British Values as well as their own impact in relation to rules, rights and responsibilities.

RE

This term we will be exploring stories of faith from the bible and understanding the importance of their messages.

PE

Our PE we will consist of swimming on a Tuesday afternoon and Dance on a Wednesday afternoon. During the Wednesday PE session children will focus on exploring movement and shape as well as different styles of music and dance. Please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit for both indoor and outdoor activities that includes trainers. In the pool, the children will be developing their basic strokes, developing stamina and will also be introduced to lifesaving skills.

Art

Our artwork this term is linked to our current topic in English; science fiction! The children will be researching Peter Thorpe as an artist and through using mixed media, the children will continue to explore techniques in shading and composition. Students will also understand the importance of mixing and colour choices when creating their final space explorer paintings.

French

This term Year 5 will be learning the different ways to greet people in French as well as colours, animals, numbers and how to describe our features.

We will learn about the importance of the verb "avoir" and how it is widely used in the French language.

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