

Year 5 Newsletter : Autumn 2 2021

Welcome back to another half term in Year 5.

Last half term saw all members of the class settle well into Upper Key Stage 2 and the added responsibilities of being some of the eldest children in the school.

Your children produced some wonderfully impressive Homework Challenges and fabulously mature pieces of writing, in particular, and we have really high hopes to see how children's learning develops over the course of the year. In order for this to happen, we really need to make attendance a priority. Year 5 had one of the poorest attendance records in the school and so therefore we were unable to move very far on the whole school attendance race. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that your child is in school every day so that they really can reach their full potential.

If you have any concerns please phone the school to speak to a member of the Year 5 team.

Miss Casewell, Miss Snowball & Mrs Pugh

This half term we will investigate the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptians in our thematic topic, 'What has evidence taught us about Ancient Egypt?'

In a predominantly history based topic, we will discover what life was like for those who lived in this time period, particularly those who were involved in the building of The Pyramids of Giza.

We will then venture into Egyptian tombs and pyramids and will use evidence found in them to tell us more about Pharaohs.

The unit will also teach us some traditional Egyptian art skills when we make our own papyrus paper and design our own hieroglyphs.

We will also of course discover the gruesome processes involved in the mummification of bodies, something which children love to find out about.

By the end of the unit, children will be Ancient Egyptian experts and their knowledge will rival that of the famous Howard Carter who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb!

Dates for your diary

8/11/21- 12/11/21- ROCK OUT ENGLAND week

12/11/21- Rock Star dress up day

16/11/21- School Photographer

09/12/21- Flu Spray Vaccinations

15/12/21- KS2 Xmas Panto Forest Arts

14.12.21 - KS2 2pm Performance

15.12.21 - KS2 6pm Performance

16.12.21 - Carol Service 9:30am at Emmanuel (tbc)



Science

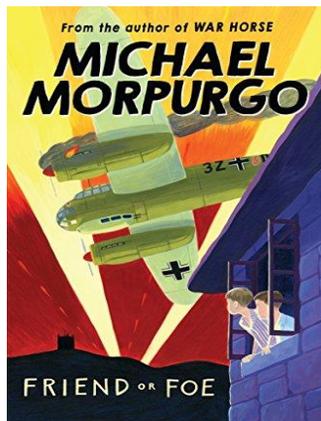
This half term, we will be completing our unit on 'Space'. We will look at how shadows change throughout the day and the reasons for this. We will also complete some research and gather information about some historical scientists and understand how they came to prove their theories about space.

P.E

Please remember that there is a requirement that your child wears a white t-shirt, dark bottoms and appropriate footwear for P.E.

P.E kits should be brought in on **Monday** and taken home on Friday to be washed.

Along with P.E your child will have a swimming lesson every Friday for 6 weeks until Christmas, so please ensure your child brings a FULL swimming kit on Friday consisting of a swimming costume for girls and swimming trunks for boys including a swimming hat and a towel.



Literacy

This half term, our Literacy work centres around the book 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. It is a story of sadness, excitement, friendship and adventure as we travel back to World War 2 and discover the life of evacuees David & Tucky.

We will learn a little back-history about World War 2 before delving into the emotions of the main characters through descriptive poetry and letter writing before writing our own extended version of the story.

It is essential that this half term, children are able to spell all of the words from Y3/4 statutory word list and some from the Y5/6 list. We will also be learning brand new skills to Year 5 such as using modal verbs, relative clauses and commas to avoid ambiguity.

Numeracy

Year 5 will be securing and extending their understanding of place value in increasingly large numbers up to a million using correct written methods for multiplication and division. Throughout the half term we will be covering fractions and percentages so that the children can identify, order and compare them with confidence.

Times tables are still a big part of Maths in Year 5, so if you could continue to support your child with their times tables up to 12, it would benefit them greatly. Knowing their times tables is a Year 4 object, so your child should already know them and it will hinder their progression in Year 5 if they are unable to know them.

Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message is of course that

'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning on time. This is particularly crucial after the missed learning that the Covid-19 school closures may have caused.

Homework

In Year 5, children are expected to develop their independent work skills. This includes reading (approx 20-30 minutes per night) We are trying to encourage a love of reading at County Bridge and would love you to share some of your favorite books, stories, poems etc with your child. Reading books will also be sent home from school & your child will have the opportunity to borrow a free choice book from our school library. Your child will also have a Reading Journal - We encourage you to write in this book **once a week** when you hear your child read. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school.

Individual spellings will also be sent home weekly. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check in the book provided and then use the spellings in context by writing interesting and varied sentences. **These books will need to be handed in every Wednesday.**

Your child is expected to log into and complete the set sessions on TTRS every week as part of their weekly homework. By completing these sessions, your child will become fluent and confident in recalling all multiplication and division facts which is crucial when accessing all areas of maths.

Your child will also receive a Thematic Homework Challenge this week. This piece has been designed to encourage collaborative work between children and their parents. It can be handed in at any point during the half term and should reflect children's learning in school.

An additional piece of homework will be set via Google Classrooms which will be based on what your child has been learning in class that week. **All homework is due by Wednesday if not before.** This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.