

Year 5 Newsletter : Autumn 2 2022

Welcome back to another half term in Year 5.

Last half term we were able as a class to settle into Upper Key stage 2 and set a good example as some of the eldest children in the school. Your children created lovely writing pieces and we are very excited to see this develop over the year. As a class, we need to improve our attendance as not being in school every day will have a negative impact on your child's progress. This half term we are focusing on attendance in order to work together to win the attendance race and for this to happen we need to work as a team and come to school every single day. If you have any concerns, please feel free to phone the school and speak to a member of Year 5 staff.

Miss Jenkins, Miss Hodson and Miss Teague.

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

- 18th November- Children In Need day.
- 24th November- Year 5 Inspire morning.
- 30th November- Christmas Fayre.
- 1st December- Egyptian workshop.
- 12th December- KS2 Panto
- 13th- December 2PM Christmas performance.
- 14th - 6pm Christmas performance.



Science

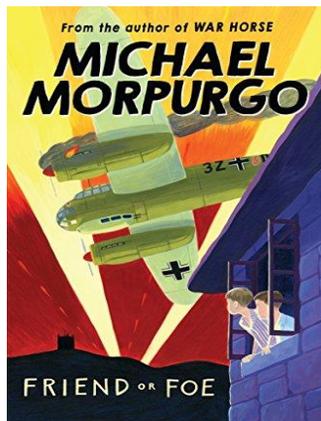
This half term, we will be exploring properties and changes of materials. Children will explore the different states of matter recapping and building on from their Year 4 learning. We will be investigating the properties of different materials and understand which materials are better suited for certain jobs.

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.

This half terms PE unit is looking at Dance and this is facilitated by both an instructor and class teacher (Miss Jenkins).



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 diary writing 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 favourite books, stories, poems etc with your child. Reading books are also sent home from school & your child will have the opportunity to borrow a free choice book from our school library. Your child also has 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 are 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 spellings will then be tested every Wednesday.

•In addition to this children are also expected to go on TTRS and complete the set sessions to become more fluent with times tables.

•Purple mash will be where other additional homework will be set based on the learning, we have been doing during the week this homework will be set and marked by Miss Jenkins.