

Year 5 Newsletter

Advent Term 2019

English

This term Year 5 will be exploring recounts, including diaries and newspaper articles, linked to the theme U.F.Os. We will also be reading a well-loved play script by William Shakespeare. Linking with the science topic, we will explore a range of space-themed poems and write our own. We will be trying to improve our writing by looking at a range of grammar objectives. These will include adjectives, speech marks and adverbial phrases.

Science

Our first topic, 'Earth, Sun and Moon', will explore how the earth tilts on its axis and how this causes day, night and seasons. We will describe the movement of the earth and other planets, in relation to the sun. We will also investigate the moon and its phases. During our second topic, Forces, children will learn about the famous scientist Sir Isaac Newton. They will carry out practical experiments involving gravity, friction, air resistance, water resistance and then make their own working balloon buggy.

Mathematics

This term, in Mathematics the children will consolidate place value knowledge and use this to help them to mentally add and subtract numbers. We will also rehearse a range of written methods for the four operations, with whole numbers and decimals.

In the second half of the term, we will learn to convert a range of measures, including weight, capacity and length. Each week, Year 5 will complete a weekly arithmetic test. Encouraging your child to learn their times tables will help them in many areas of Maths!

Website for times tables practice and Maths homework:

<http://woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>
<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student/29700>
<https://www.mymaths.co.uk>

PSHE



The School Linking Network (SLN) is a social enterprise which teaches communication skills, self awareness and empathy. These experiences are to support, establish and operate successful community cohesion. Our children will work alongside another school in Luton to develop their contribution to the community cohesion.

Settlements and Kingdoms

Building on previous knowledge of the Romans, Year 5 will be studying another major period in British history, 'The Anglo Saxons.' In this topic, we will be using atlases to locate the origin of the Saxons and to identify the Kingdoms in which they settled. Children will have the opportunity to study typical Anglo Saxon life and investigate what archaeological evidence has been left behind, including the mystery of the 'Sutton Hoo'. In Design and Technology, we will design and create a Saxon settlement, using a range of materials and techniques. Later on this term, we will be conducting a local history study, closely linked to the Saxons.

Useful websites linked to this topic:

<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/saxons.htm>
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/anglo_saxons/

Celts



500 BC

Romans



43

Saxons



450

Vikings



793

Normans



1066

Tudors



1485

Victorians



1837

WW II



1939

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