CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Y5

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Welcome to Year 5

We are thrilled to welcome your child to Year 5. Our priority is to ensure a smooth and positive transition as they begin this new phase of their education. We are committed to supporting the wellbeing of all our pupils while helping them achieve their academic potential.

In English

We will begin with a grammar unit focused on developing a strong understanding of the basics, which will support the children as they move on to writing non-chronological reports and working on description. Then, we will look at a range of poetic forms and technique in poetry and narrative writing, using the book The Promise as inspiration. Students will study and write biographies, applying their skills in research and structured writing.

In Maths

We will be looking at Number, focusing on place value and rounding of large numbers, interpreting negative numbers, multiplying & dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, properties of number, addition and subtraction using a range of strategies and formal written methods, formal written method for multiplication and short division. We will also look at Fractions, focussing on equivalent fractions and comparing and ordering them.

In Guided Reading

Guided Reading, the children will continue to work on familiarising themselves with texts, exploring new vocabulary and working on summarising, retrieval, inference and sequencing skills.

Key Dates

- 12-25 Sept - Assessment Week & Times Table Check
- 16 Oct - Borneo Class Assembly
- 2 Nov - Viking WOW Day
- 16 - 20 Nov - Times table check

The Thomas Coram Church of England School

In Science

We will start by looking at forces, exploring how they affect movement and everyday objects. Later in the term, we will move on to investigating Earth and space, learning about the planets, the Moon and how they move in relation to the Sun.

In History

History this term is the Vikings! Starting with our incredible Viking day, we will be thinking about what life was like as a Viking, where they came from and who lived before and after them, and their love of storytelling and tales. We will be using drama and art to show our knowledge as well as writing this term.

In Geography

We will be learning about the UK.

In RE

We are studying Christianity, focussing on the key questions: "What does it mean if Christians think God is holy and loving?" and "Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?".

In PSHE

We will begin thinking about law and order and UN rights, and after half term think about death and grief and managing conflict.

In Music

We will be learning the songs and dance moves ready for our Young Voices concert taking place at Wembley Arena. Please see today's email regarding this.

In French

Our French this term focuses on the planets to link in with our Science and the Vikings to link in with our History.

In Art

To link with our History topic, we will use graphite resources to create Viking portraits, and we will make Viking jewellery.

In Technology

We will be looking at structures and making CAMs toys.

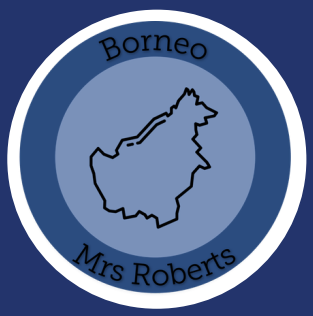
In Computing

We will be looking at what an algorithm is and ensuring we are able to use and construct PowerPoints.

In PE

We will be engaging in a variety of dynamic physical education activities this term; tag rugby, gymnastics, basketball & fitness.

In Forest School

This term, we will be collecting natural materials to make bug shelters, whittling and beginning to develop knife skills, and looking at sustainability with wood. We will also observe fire making and toast some food.

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