



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter—Spring Term

English

In our literacy lessons this term, we will continue to cover a range of reading and writing that will be delivered through the Year 5 Read Write Inc. scheme as well as additional units to complement our CLJ theme. We will help the children to

develop their reading comprehension and writing composition whilst also focussing on their grammar, vocabulary development, critical thinking and spoken language. We will also be using our two texts, 'The Secret Garden' and 'Black Beauty' to further develop the children's literacy skills.



Planners

This is a communication link between school and home to ensure you, as parents, are informed of events throughout the year. Children are encouraged to use this to make a note of their activities after school, clubs, trips, WOW days, when homework is due and any other activities going on. All reading at home should also be recorded in here.

Welcome

Happy New Year! I hope that you have had a wonderful and restful Christmas break and that the children and yourselves are ready for an exciting and busy 2020. May I also take the time to thank you for your thoughtful and extremely generous Christmas gifts.



Creative Learning Journey (CLJ)

Our CLJ theme this term is called 'May the Force be with you.' This will link very closely with the children's Science, DT and Music topics. Please encourage the children to do as much research as they can into forces, especially gravity, air resistance, water resistance, friction and looking into the area of Space, the Sun and the Moon.

Maths

In our Numeracy lessons this term we will be following the Inspire Maths scheme of work and covering the following units:

- Fractions
- Area of a Triangle
- Ratio
- Decimals
- Measurement



Rights Respecting—Article 29:

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Reading

Children who enjoy reading regularly thrive in their learning and therefore children are asked to read at least 5 times a week, which they should record in their planners. Three of these sessions per week should be reading with an adult for at least 10 minutes. Please also record this in their planners.

Inside the planner is a document of questions you can use to support your child with their reading at home. Please use these frequently as these are the types of questions the children are assessed against and so familiarity with them will be beneficial. Your child will be heard by an adult once a week in school so they will need their planners to be in school every day.

We have a wide selection of reading books in school and I will be encouraging the children to select appropriate books for them and take these home to read.



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Home Learning

Each week homework will be set on a Wednesday and handed in on the following Tuesday and will usually comprise of two main tasks that should take approx. 45 minutes. These tasks could be:

- Maths or English relating to our current learning
- Spellings
- CLJ task (short task or an extended piece of learning across a number of weeks)

They will also need to read daily and use IXL/TT Rockstars to practise their maths.

Your child is responsible for handing this work in and some will be marked in class so the children get immediate feedback. Year 5 children can attend a homework club on a Thursday (this half term). More details on this will go out in the club letter.

Art and Design Technology

In art and DT this term we will be focussing on developing our sketching skills with different pencils and designing, sketching and making our own fairground rides.

P.E.

P.E. sessions are on a Monday and Tuesday this term. We will be covering a combination of tennis, dance, multi-sports and cricket.

Your child will be expected to wear blue shorts, a



white St Ives logoed t-shirt, blue socks, shin pads and trainers. During colder weather, the children can wear black tracksuit bottoms and the school hoody. Please could you ensure that everything is clearly labelled.

Enterprise Week & Class Trip

We have a very exciting term ahead as the children will have the opportunity to run their own business at the end of this half term to raise profits for their class trip to Paultons Park in Spring 2. They will take part in a Forces workshop and learn all about the forces exerted on the rides to make them work. During the Enterprise week, the children are given a £5 loan by SISA to purchase what they need to run their own business week. In the past, children have run cake stalls, popcorn stalls, shoot the goalie, car wash, truffles, nail varnish and biscuit stalls and all profits raised have been used to pay for their school trip.

PSHE

The PSHE themes this term will be 'When things go wrong', looking at how young people stay safe and manage risk, as well as 'Dealing with feelings'.

Computing

In our computing lessons we will continue to develop our knowledge of online safety, helping to ensure that we stay safe online. We will also be using different programmes for a purpose, such as Powerpoint to create presentations.

Modern Foreign Languages

We will be building on our existing French knowledge this year. During the Spring term we will focus on months of the year, along with learning how to order different food items.

Music

In music we will be exploring a unit on 'The Solar System', tying into our Science theme about Space.