

Year 5 Newsletter Spring Term 1 | Monday 8th January 2024



Looking forward...

During this half term, Year 5 will begin a new topic 'Off With Their Heads' where our learning will be based around Tudor Britain and the trials and tribulations of King Henry VIII's reign. We are really looking forward to starting this brand new topic and immersing ourselves in the past.

As **Scientists**, we will be investigating forces including gravity, water resistance and friction. We will also be visiting Oakwood to use their science labs and conduct some intricate investigations. As **Historians**, we will look at how Britain has changed since the Tudor reign, how Henry VIII changed the country and what crime and punishment looked like in the 16th century. As **Artists**, we will be developing our pencil skills to create detailed portraits. As **Designers**, we will be developing our manufacturing skills and creating our own, miniature wooden stocks. The children will also continue their music lessons where they will develop their singing skills in preparation for our Young Voices performance. Weekly, Year 5 will continue receive lessons in Spanish, ICT, PSHE and RE.

Looking Back....

Welcome back to a new half term! We hope that you had a lovely break. The Year 5 team would love to share how fantastic the last term was. We saw some phenomenal attitudes to learning and some of the home learning projects completed were outstanding.

The children wrote a non-chronological report about the Ancient Mayan Civilisation using all the grammatical skills they learnt in autumn term 1. They have really engaged in this topic and this shows through the enthusiasm they have shown and the high quality writing that they have produced.

The children have also adapted well to our reading group sessions and have enjoyed reading our book, 'The Curse of the Maya'. They have all done exceptionally well in our carousel lessons of RE, Music and Spanish too!

Young Voices and Gainsborough Old Hall

On Wednesday 24th January, Year 5 will be visiting Gainsborough old Hall as part of our topic. Here we will learn about what life was like in Tudor Times.

As mentioned previously, the children will be taking part in the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena on **Thursday 8th February 2024**.

For more information about the event, why not take a look at the Young Voices 2024 website. click on this link to find out more: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/2024-season/concert-dates>

Special mentions!

Congratulations to those pupils who received their Star Learner of the Week award already this year!

This term, we would love to share some special mentions. Has your child had any fantastic achievements outside of school? Maybe they have been awarded their next swimming badge or have moved to the next grade in their music lessons. Please send in a note or ask your child to mention this to their teacher so that we can add it to the next newsletter!

Reading....

Your child should bring home two books from school; a fiction book from the Y5 Reading Spine and an 'interest' book, both chosen from the library. If your child is still working on phonics, then they will also bring home a phonics book too.

Incentives and rewards for reading books from the Reading Spine are available to the children and children receive smiles for reading regularly at home. As a reminder, our class reading books for the rest of the year in Year 5 will be as follows:

The Terrible Tudors – **Treason by Berlie Doherty**
Investigating our World – **Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo**

This half term, please continue to record your child's reading at home on the Reading Logs on Marvellous Me. The Google form should be completed and submitted weekly before Friday morning. Once this has been checked by your child's class teacher, and if they have finished reading their book, they will be able to go to the library to change their reading book(s). If you are yet to sign up to Marvellous Me, please contact the office who will be happy to help.

Supporting your child at home...

Our long term plans, outlining the objectives we will cover in our maths, English and foundation subjects, are available to view on our school website. If you wish to support your child at home, or to discuss their learning with them, please use the following link, which will take you directly to the relevant part of our school website:

[Long Term Plans](#)

Reminders!

P.E. Schedule

The Year 5 children will have two sessions of PE every week, with PE days being on Tuesday for all three classes, and then Monday for 5TS, Thursday for 5ZN and Friday for 5WW. We ask that all children come to school in their P.E. kit on the days that they have P.E. PE kit is as follows: white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings or black tracksuit, and black trainers.

X (Formally Twitter) and Marvellous Me

If you would like to keep up-to-date with your child's learning in school, then check out the school's X page. The account details are listed at the top of this letter. We also encourage you to track your child's learning on the Marvellous Me app.

Times Tables

Please continue to encourage your children to practise their times tables at home! It has been great to see children growing in confidence as they become more secure with this, and they will reap the benefits of this throughout the year in maths lessons.

Reading Eggs

As well as reading their book at home, please encourage your child to practise their reading on **Reading Eggs** regularly.

Year 5 Home Learning Spring Term



Below are some home learning project ideas related to this term's topic, 'Terrible Tudors'. This home learning encourages the children to become investigative learners and to develop their enquiry skills, independence and creativity.

This needs to be completed and returned to school by **Monday 5th February**. If your child needs any paper, or other resources that school can provide, please encourage them to ask their class teacher.

Project Ideas

- Find out about the history of the Tudor monarchs. Could you make a timeline of events?
- Research the different wives of Henry VIII and present your findings on google slides.
- Create 'Did You Know?' fact cards about the Tudors or the Battle of Bosworth.
- Research some of the different punishments given during the Tudor times and create a fact file.
- Create a persuasive poster or brochure about visiting Gainsborough Old Hall.
- Make a model of a Tudor house.
- Make or draw the Tudor rose.
- Draw or paint a portrait of Henry VIII or one of his wives.

Please can you make sure your child brings their project into school on Monday 5th February.

This will give time for the children to share their project with the rest of the class before the end of the half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Nazir, Mr Snow, Mrs Winters and Mrs Walker.

The Year 5 Team