

Year 5 newsletter



Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic and safe summer. We are very excited to begin the new academic year and start all the hard work whilst having lots of fun. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 5 team. We are happy to help. We are really looking forward to working with you to make sure that your child fulfils their potential and has the best learning experience. The best help you can give is to make sure your child attends every day on time. Attending every day enables your children to build upon their learning and further their understanding. Every school day is planned to help your child to achieve, so excellent attendance is vital. Please also ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast e.g. cereal, with lots of early nights, to ensure they can concentrate fully and give their best.



English:

Our first text in Y5 is Running of the Roof of the World which explores themes of friendship, love and courage and features a strong female main character. The text is written by a female author and our curriculum aims to expose pupils to literature written by a diverse range of people in order to raise aspirations and explore diversity and equality.

As a lot of the action takes place in the Himalayan mountains, this links well with our geography topic for this term. Pupils build on their spelling and punctuation knowledge from Y4. For example, now pupils are secure with using speech and punctuating it with inverted commas they explore using it to move the action on within a narrative.

Mathematics

This term, we will begin by recapping knowledge from the previous year and ensuring that we are fully secure before moving on to the following maths strands:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

It is vital that you support your children in practising their maths facts, particularly their timetable facts. Daily TTRS practise at home has proven to be extremely beneficial to children in KS2. Please support your children in accessing this.

Key vocabulary: Thousands, hundreds, tens, ones, rounding, exchanging, regrouping, addition, sum, subtraction, difference, multiplication, product, division,



SCIENCE

What is the Solar System and how does it affect us?

Children in Year 5 will be able to know and describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system. They will learn how to describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth. Year 5 will also learn that the sun, Earth and moon has approximately spherical bodies and that the Earth's rotation helps to explain day and night.



Key words:

Planets, solar, sun, Earth, spherical, rotation, axis



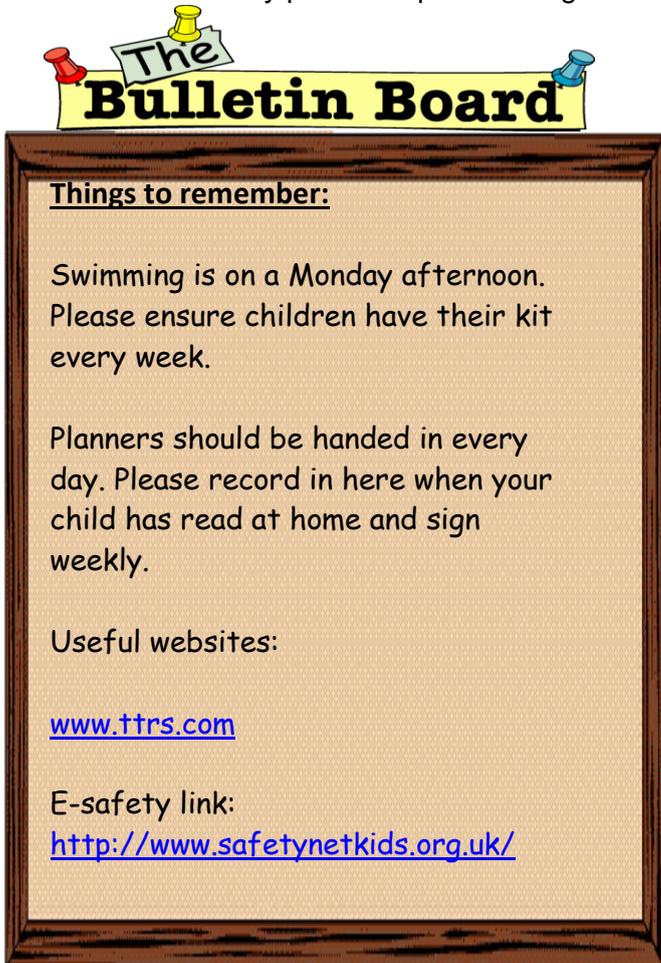
Other Curriculum Areas

Geography – Our topic is all about the question ‘How is the world changing?’ By the end of the term, children in Year 5 will be able to identify geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography. Year 5 will also learn how to describe geographical change over time of particular regions of the UK and be able to apply this knowledge to fieldwork in the local area.

PE – We will be looking at Athletics this term. This topic is taught during Term 1 as the skills taught in this topic are the fundamental skills that can then be transferred across other sports throughout the year. Children are taught all of the skills needed to take part in internal and external competition. Each year, these skills will be recapped and further developed, giving children the chance to perfect the skills over time.

PSHE- This term’s topic is all about Healthy Relationships. The children will be thinking about the following question:

‘What makes a healthy partnership or marriage?’



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

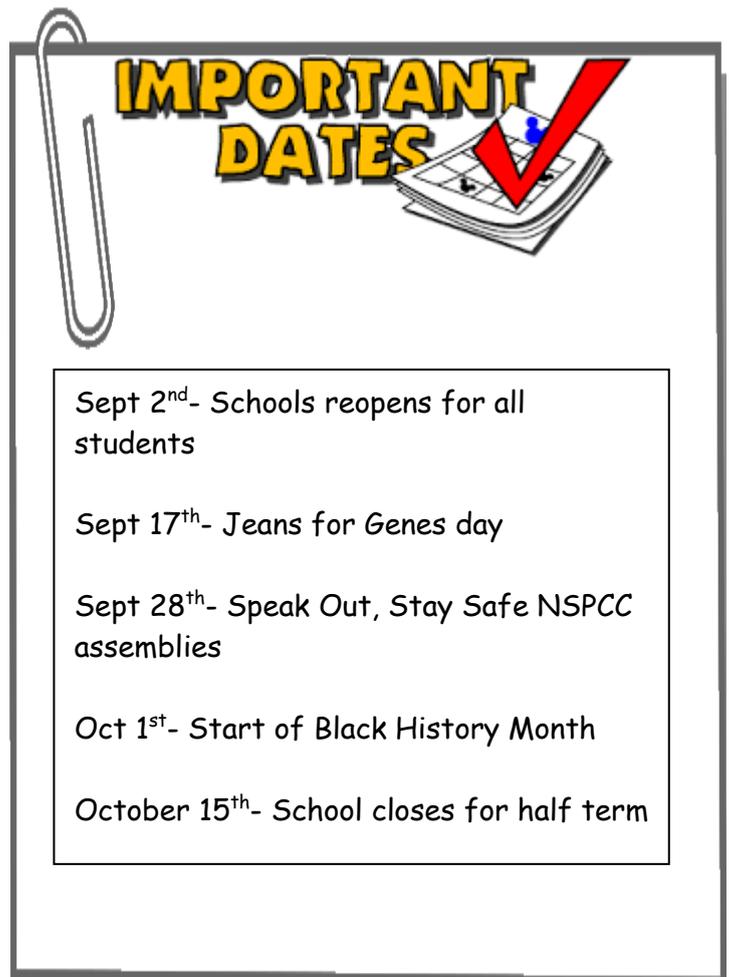
Swimming is on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure children have their kit every week.

Planners should be handed in every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

Useful websites:

www.ttrs.com

E-safety link:
<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/>



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 2nd- Schools reopens for all students

Sept 17th- Jeans for Genes day

Sept 28th- Speak Out, Stay Safe NSPCC assemblies

Oct 1st- Start of Black History Month

October 15th- School closes for half term

Reading – Year 5 pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Children will take an Accelerated Reader quiz following completion of their book. Achievement Points will be rewarded for children scoring 80% or more.

TTRS- Children should be accessing TTRS for at least 10 minutes every day- we are monitoring progress daily and giving out lots of achievement points so please continue to support this at home.

Thank you.