



Brackley C of E Junior School



WELCOME to Year 5

We have had a great start to Year 5 so far! Both 5LM and 5HM have settled in nicely and have adjusted to our new routines well. We are very lucky to have a great team: Mrs Meaney, Mrs Langford, Mrs Morris, Miss Murphy, Mr Hilton and Miss Bloxham. Outlined below is the work we will be covering in Term 1.

Maths

Our Maths lessons this term primarily focus on place value, comparing and ordering larger numbers, rounding and Roman numerals through a range of fluency, problem solving and reasoning activities. We will then continue to develop effective written strategies for addition and subtraction. We will develop mental and written strategies within our starters each day and will be reinforcing the importance of rapid recall of times tables.



Physical Education

PE days are subject to change this term, so please look out for reminders on Class dojo.

The start of term will be as follows:

5HM – indoor PE (Monday) – Sports Hall Athletics; outdoor PE (Thursday) – tri-golf

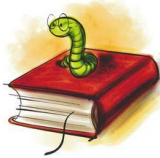
5LM – indoor PE (Tuesday) – Sports Hall Athletics; outdoor PE (Thursday) – tri-golf

Please remember to bring in correct PE kit for the session and ensure hair is tied back and all jewellery removed.



English

In English, our main unit concerns 'How to train your dragon' by Cressida Cowell. Within this, we will be writing opening scenes and build-ups, writing instructions, and learning to create persuasive letters. We will also be covering the key skills of spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as daily guided reading.



Geography

We will be developing our geographical skills through our Environment topic, which explores the issues of the environment and resources. The children examine the resources needed for survival along with energy and power (renewable and non-renewable). They learn where their food comes from and how to calculate food miles as well as how to conserve food, water and energy for the future.



Science

In Science this term, we will be learning about lifecycles of plants and animals. We will be studying the life cycles of amphibians, mammals, insects and birds as well as the life process of reproduction (sexual and asexual) in some plants and animals.



Art

In art, we will develop our artistic skills when completing our unit on birds and feathers. We will learn about different mark making techniques when sketching and develop our observational skills. We will use a variety of media from printing ink to clay.



Religious Education

This term in RE, our theme is 'Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?' Within this topic, the children will outline the importance of Creation on the timeline of the 'Big Story' of the Bible, learn about the purpose of Genesis 1, comparing their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it and show understanding of why many Christians find that Science and faith go together.



Computing

This term in Computing, the children will be developing their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. They will consider small scale systems as well as large scale systems. They will explain the input, output and process aspects of a variety of different real-world systems. They will also take part in a collaborative online project with other class members and develop their skills in working together online.



Spanish

This term we will be learning how to use classroom commands, develop our core vocabulary and phonics skills as well as learning how to count up to 100.

Music

Our first unit this year is called 'Keeping Healthy'. In this unit we will be exploring rhythm, pitch and tempo through song and movement.

PSHE

This term in PSHE, we are focussing on protective behaviours, where we learn about our rights, responsibilities, class rules, how to keep ourselves and others safe and ensure we have a network of trusted adults with whom we can talk. We are also developing our understanding of basic first aid and learning about different aspects of online safety (digital footprints, online identity and keeping safe online etc) within our evolve lessons.



Homework

The children should read their school AR book at least 4 times per week at home (4 x 10 pages minimum) and get their diary signed. Diaries should be brought into school every Friday to be checked so dojos can be rewarded. Please continue to read widely and enjoy books from home in addition to your school reading book. Children will also need to continue to complete 25 games of TTrackstars per week (to completed by 5pm on a Thursday). It is so important that the children practise their times tables regularly.

