

Horton Grange Primary Year 5 Newsletter
Spring 2 in Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday, we hope that you and the children had a well-deserved break. Please make sure your child continues to have a positive time in Year 5 by making sure they come to school on time, in full school uniform, with their book bag, PE kits, and a warm, waterproof coat. The children will continue to receive their English and Maths homework every Thursday, which needs to be returned by the following Monday. This is in addition to reading every night and learning spellings for the weekly spelling test on Tuesdays.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Year 5 Staff

Maths

This half term, the children will be consolidating their work on measurement and time. They will then be looking at Geometry (Shape and space). They will look at properties of shape and applying their understanding of these to reasoning and problem-solving styled questions. Please continue to practise the times tables with your child to support their learning as well as other mental maths skills such as halving and doubling.

English

The children will continue with their Narrative (fiction text) about visiting their alien's planet. They will build up tension and excitement by using techniques such as: short sentences, show me don't tell me, figurative language and lists of three. In Guided Reading, children will explore playscripts and be able to explain their views with reasons and support them with evidence from a text. Each class will choose a class reading book as part of their E.R.I.C. lessons.

Topic

This half term the children will learn all about Ancient Greece.

They will be studying Greek life and explore Greek achievements and their influence on life today. They will be looking at things such as the Olympics and the English language.

In Geography, children will be using grid references in atlases and digital maps to locate Ancient landmarks in Greece. They will also be able to locate different cities. Children will experience a Greek day in school towards the end of Spring 2. Children will be able to dress up like the ancient Greeks, taste Greek food and take part in Greek activities.

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Computing

In Computing the children will be looking at how to use the internet safely and responsibly.

Also, they will be creating 'stop motion' animations using different backgrounds and sounds.

PSHE

In Spring 2, the PSHE topic is Rights and Responsibilities. The children will discuss issues surrounding health and wellbeing including in the media.

MEL

This half term the children will be looking at the weather. The children will be presenting a weather report orally to the rest of the class. They will be listening attentively to spoken language and responding to questions about the weather in different areas of Spain.

Physical Education

Our topics in PE in Spring 2 are social skills within games in the KS2 hall and Netball in the Khidmat centre. PE lessons will be on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Music

In Spring 2 of Year 5, the children will be looking at music linked to Ancient Greece. They will be comparing the music of different composers/artists and use a wide range of musical vocabulary.

Art and DT

In Spring 2, the children will be exploring the work of Greek sculptures and develop an understanding of how to shape and form. They will be planning and creating a clay Greek pot working in a safe and organised way. In DT, children will be researching, designing and making a working mechanism using gears and pulleys using a wide range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks safely.

RE

Over the Spring term, the children will be reflecting on values and the ways in which values make a difference to our lives with special reference to the values of Christians, Humanists, Jews and Muslims.