

Year 5 Summer Newsletter

What's going on?

This term promises to be another fantastic one! We've got some really exciting things to look forward to, including: a visit to Kings Norton Library, the year 5 residential to Bell Heath and the chance to observe some working fairground rides at Cannon Hill Park.

After a fantastic few days with the animator in school, Year 5 will also have the opportunity to watch their films on the big screen in June. I know the children are really looking forward to it!

Summer 1 Topic- Princes, Peasants and Pestilence

Summer 2 Topic- Scream Machine

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Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

English

In English we will be following the National Framework for Year 5 where we will be learning about a variety of text types including narratives, persuasive writing and nonfiction writing. Our learning in English will be largely connected to our Cornerstones topic (see below) to ensure that the children receive a rich and exciting curriculum.

Maths

Children will follow the White Rose Mastery Scheme in Year 5, continuing to develop their understanding of decimals, shape and measures. In this curriculum area, the children will be set different work according to ability in order to allow children to progress effectively. We are also focusing on improving our mental calculation skills and sharpening up our times tables knowledge this term through our daily Fast Maths and Planet Maths scheme.

Cornerstones

Our Cornerstones topic during this term will be *The Black Princes, Peasants and Pestilence*, where the children will be learning all about the Black Death and life in England during the 14th century. In the second half of the spring term our topic will be *'Scream Machine'*. A topic centred on mechanisms, rides and rollercoasters. It is sure to provide some thrilling lessons!

P.E

This term in PE we will focus on Tennis and Cricket. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day. For this half term our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday.

Homework:

Homework will be issued weekly. **Children will receive one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework per week as well as a weekly spelling list. This will be sent home on Thursday and will need to be returned on Tuesday.** We offer Homework Club after school on Thursdays, where children can receive guidance and support in completing their homework. Children are also expected to read regularly at home at least three times a week. They will be able to take a reading book home from class, the school library or the book exchange shelf. The children have the opportunity to change their reading books on Monday afternoons.

There are also many other ways that you can support your child during this term:

- Continue to encourage them to complete their homework regularly;
- Help them to practise and apply their times tables and spellings;
- Whilst reading, ask them questions about what they have read. (E.g. what was the character feeling? Why did they feel like this? What do you think will happen next?) Read lots of different types of texts as well as stories, articles, newspapers, reports and poems. You can also watch films and discuss characters, settings, motives and themes.

If you have any queries or would like any more information about your child's learning, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lynch, Miss Peet and Mrs Farren