

Term 2 Class Newsletter 2023

Miss Gascoigne's Class News for the Term Ahead



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Welcome to Year 5

We have another busy term again as we head towards Christmas. As the months get colder, please can you make sure that your child has a coat. Could you also make sure that your child has their name on everything so that they are easy to find. Please can you also make sure children bring water to school in bottles rather than juice please./

When the children have PE, they should continue to wear their Bitham Brook PE kit into school with the school jumper over the top (if weather conditions require a jumper). Please note the Bitham Brook PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings/tracksuit with trainers. Other sports clothing is not acceptable as it is important that, as a school, we have pride in our appearance. It is important that children do not attend school in casual clothing as we want to maintain the children's sense of education being important; pride in their appearance; and belonging to Bitham Brook.

Learning this Term

Maths

In maths, we will be finishing off our unit on place value. The children will then be written methods to add and subtract before moving onto our unit of statistics where we will read and interpret a variety of graphs.

Writing

Our writing will be linked to our class book, 'Tom's Midnight Garden' by Philippa Pearce as well as our Science unit on Space. We will start by writing a diary taking on the role of Tom from our class text. We will then focus our skills on writing a chronological report on the Space Race and finally finish the term by composing some poetry.

Reading

During reading we will be working our way through our class book 'Tom's Midnight Garden' by Philippa Pearce, and interrogate the text using a variety of skills. The children will be able to continue with their own reading and testing their understanding using Accelerated Reader.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is called 'Celebrating difference'. In this unit, children will learn about cultural differences and how to celebrate and respect their own and others' cultures.

Science

In science, we will be looking at The Earth and Space. We will be learning about our solar system as well as the different stages in the lunar cycle.

DT

In DT this term, we will be looking at mechanisms and will investigate how pulleys and gears work. The children will design and make their own pulleys and gears products, selecting and using a variety of modelling materials to create final outcomes.

History

In History, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons, exploring who they were and where they came from.

Computing

In computers, we will be using the program 'purple mash' to design and create our own games.

Physical Education

In PE, we will be focussing on the sport of Football. We will be developing a range of football passes and look to pass on the move accurately. The children will also have lessons in gymnastics and dance.

Religious Education

We will be focussing on the religion of Christianity. We will be discussing the question 'Is the Christmas story true?'

Homework

Spellings. Handed out on the first Monday of term. We will not be testing weekly but instead every 4 weeks. Spellings can also be found on the school website.

Continue to read at home.

Continue practicing for times table challenges on Times Table Rock Stars.

Complete any homework set on purple mash

PE

Tuesday- Dance

Wednesday-Football

Friday -Football



MESSAGES: PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME IN WITH A WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY