

Year 5 Curricular Letter

Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you have all had a peaceful and restful half term break. We are so pleased with how the children settled in last half term and they have produced some fantastic work. We cannot wait to see the work that they produce in the half term to come. We were really impressed by the homework that was brought in at the end of last half term and the work that was posted on SeeSaw. A lot of effort had gone into the work and it was of a fantastic standard. Well done Year 5 and keep up the great work!

This curriculum letter will inform you of what we will be covering in Year 5 during the second half of the Autumn term. Our topic this half term is 'How has China changed the world?' which stems from our learning of the Shang Dynasty in History. Much of our work across the curriculum will relate to this.

Year 5 are also preparing for their Christmas production. Your child will have their own part to play and will have a number of lines to learn. Please encourage your child to practise and perform their lines. We are planning on having the performance at church on **Tuesday 19th December at 7pm**. Please put this date in your diaries. Details regarding costumes will be sent out in due course.

If you have any queries, concerns, or simply a question, please don't hesitate to send an email to either of us at k.blackledge@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk or t.norris@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk. Thank you for your continued support!

This half term our topic is '**The Shang Dynasty**'. We will be exploring stories and topics in this area including the novel 'The Kite Rider' by Geraldine McCaughrean and 'Running on the Roof of the World' by Jess Butterworth. Please take some time to talk to your children about the topic, read books and stories, watch programmes (there was recently a great documentary about wild China on the BBC. It may still be on I-player) and think of some questions they can explore in class. See the bottom of the letter for recommended reads for the half term.

The Half Term Ahead

Science

How can we see forces if they are invisible?

History

Who was Fu Hao and how did she defeat her enemies?

PSHE

How do we treat others with respect?

Music

How does music become a performance?

Computing

Can Excel plan my class Christmas party?

French

Que lest ton sujet prefere?
What is your favourite subject?

PE

What is the difference between track and field?

RE

Does the Christmas Story Appear in Every Gospel?

Days to Remember

Friday

Spelling and Times Tables Tests + New Spellings handed out

PE - children to continue coming to school in PE kit.

Subjects

Literacy

Our novel this term is 'The Kite Rider' by Geraldine McCaugheran. This is a great novel for the children to really get excited about and we are looking forward to hearing the children's ideas for their own stories.

Our Non-Fiction text this half term is Play Scripts and the children will be challenged to write their own scene for our Christmas Production. Keep an eye out on the night and see if you can guess which scene a child has written!

We will continue by exploring haikus in detail and the children will be writing their own.

Reading

Your child will take part in a number of Guided Reading lesson where they will be responding to a range of activities based upon the chosen text. Your child also has the responsibility to change their reading book when they have finished it. If your child also reads their own books at home, please note this within their reading records. Your child still has access to 'Bug Club' where they have a range of books to choose from.

Recommended Books around Our Topic

- Shang Dynasty China (Great Civilisations) by Tracey Kelly
- Tales from China by Cyril Birch.
- The Willow Pattern Story by Allan Drummond
- The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday to practise for a test the following Friday. The words will be the basis of our spelling sessions throughout the week, when spelling rules and patterns will be discussed and learnt. Your child will also be set assignments on Spelling Shed based on the spelling rules they have learnt.

Maths

We continue to use the Maths No Problem scheme in school with great success. The areas covered this half term continue to relate to number work - multiplication and division of whole numbers and word problems. Children will continue to practice their multiplication tables in class and using the Times Tables Rockstars App, being tested on these on Mondays. Your support of this at home too is much appreciated. Just as phonics is a key to unlocking reading, rapid recall of multiplication facts unlocks maths for children and underpins all learning.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out half termly - each half term you will receive a home learning menu. As explained on the menu, you must complete the Maths and English activities as well as one RE activity. The rest is up to you. The homework menu will allow you to be creative and imaginative in what you decide to produce.

PE

PE will continue on a Friday afternoon. This half term, the focus is on athletics.

Homework due in – 18th December 2023

We look forward to seeing the children continue to develop and grow over the next half term. We have got some exciting topics and activities planned which we cannot wait to start!

Many thanks,

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