



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

- Please ensure reading records are at school on a Monday as they are getting checked on this day every week.
- Swimming is on Thursdays - remember that we come in PE kit.

Key dates

Mon 4th December 9am - Rocksteady concert for parents of children who have Rocksteady lessons

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 18th December to Monday 1st January

Back to school - Tuesday 2nd January 2024

INSET DAY - Monday 15th January 2024

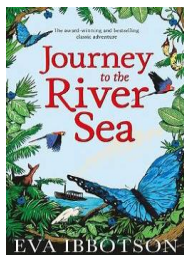
INSET DAY - Thursday 28th March 2024

Further dates will be added in due course.

Reading

This term we will complete 'Where the Mountain Meets the Moon' by Grace Lin. Our new text will be 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. This is an adventure story following Maia, an orphan girl, who travels to South America to live with relatives.

Children will continue to be primary, secondary and independent readers, whilst also developing their comprehension skills.



Writing

This term we will be starting our new writing unit, following the story of Smaug the dragon and creating our own exciting narratives. The children will have a chance to practise their narrative skills and put into action all of the descriptive tools we have given them in the previous half term. We are really excited to see which stories they come up with.



Maths

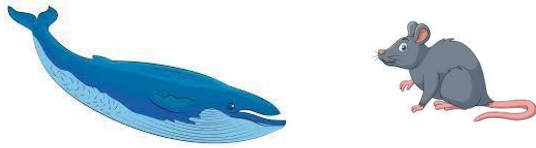
In maths, we will be focusing on fractions, building a deeper understanding of equivalent fractions, before moving onto exploring mixed and improper fractions. Using a range of representations, we will apply this understanding to adding and subtracting fractions.

$$\frac{5}{2} \rightarrow 2\frac{1}{2}$$

Improper fraction Mixed fraction

Science

In science, we will be noticing how humans change as we age and learning about changes during adolescence. We will then investigate if larger animals have longer gestation periods.



History

In history, we will be learning about how the Romans conquered Britain and how this affected life for the Britons. We will explore how the Romans came to leave Britain and how the Anglo-Saxons subsequently took over most of Britain.



Art

In art, we will experiment with paint and mixed media. We will take inspiration from the work of Njideka Akunyili Crosby and Van Gogh to create our own mixed media piece.



PE

In PE, we will develop our dancing skills, specifically looking at street dance. We will be developing, performing and evaluating our own dances in small groups.



RE

In RE, we will learn about why certain individuals believe in a god, specifically focussing on how God and angels are viewed. We will also be covering independent views towards religion and how these can be different from person to person.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will learn how to help in an emergency. We will discuss the important steps when helping a person in need, specifically if they have a cut, are choking, having an asthma attack or allergic reaction.



Homework

Half-termly topic homework will be given.

Suggested books for reading

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-5/>

