



Year 5 Autumn 2



Welcome back to the second Autumn half term. We have an extremely busy half term with a cinema visit to the IMAX cinema to watch 'Asteroid Hunter' and a year group performance of 'A funny thing happened on the way to Camelot'. Thankyou in advance to any parent/guardian who has a child with a speaking part, we will be asking them to rehearse, rehearse and rehearse so that you will probably know their lines better than them!

As you will see below, we also have lots of learning to focus on in what is always a lovely but hectic half term.

Reminders

- Listen to your child read daily and sign their diary.
- Bring signed reading diary and books into school daily.
- Label all your children's belongings – children to bring a drink of water – no fizzy pop, prime or milkshakes please.
- Please stand back from the gate when collecting and be patient as we familiarise ourselves with each parent. We want to see each person collecting clearly to ensure we dismiss safely.



We encourage children to bring a healthy snack into school for breaktime. Fresh fruit is not provided in KS2.

Key Dates

PE 5G: Tuesdays **5G&5DM:** Wednesdays (swimming) **5DM:** Fridays

Please arrive in PE kit (white t-shirt and black bottoms), earrings removed for safety and hair tied back on PE days and uniform with swimming kit in a bag on swimming days.

Parents evening: Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th November 2023

Film Festival Cinema visit: Tuesday 21st November 2023

TT Rockstars Dress-up Day- 1st December

Year 5 performance: Tuesday 12th December 2023 – 2pm for 2:15pm start

Last day for children: Thursday 21st December 2023

Websites

Please ensure you have access to the below websites - personal login details have been shared.

Prodigy

Seesaw

MyOn

Times Tables Rock Stars

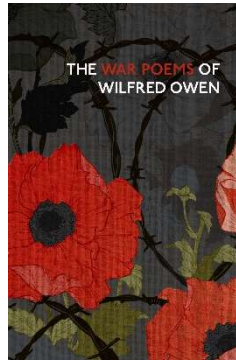
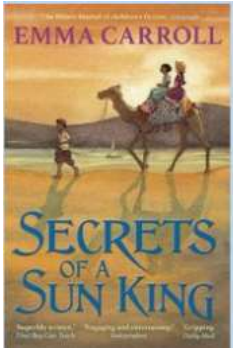
For a list of more dates, please see our Autumn 1 newsletter.

English Writing

The half term will begin with a poetry focus, studying war poetry and producing their own piece. From there, children will focus on setting descriptions and look to incorporate many of the year 5 writing objectives.

Reading

We will be reading *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll. We will look at a range of reading domain features such as retrieval, inference and summarising. Our primary focus will be on vocabulary where children look to analyse unfamiliar words and begin to use these in new contexts.



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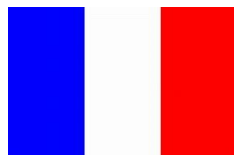
Science

Our topic this half term will be a science focussed topic entitled 'Stargazers'. Children will look at astronomy and the importance of Galileo, will learn about physics and Sir Isaac Newton and will look in detail at the 'Space Race' and the key events of space exploration.



MFL

We will be developing our French greetings by continuing with speaking and listening sessions weekly.



Maths

This half term our work on multiplication and division looks at: multiples, common multiples, factors, common factors, prime numbers, square numbers, cube numbers, multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000. Towards the end of the half term Year 5 will work on developing their knowledge of fractions.

Key maths vocabulary

multiply, product, factors, common factors, prime numbers, cube numbers, square numbers, fraction, unit fraction, non-unit fraction, convert, improper fraction, mixed number fraction, numerator, denominator

Physical Education

Our focus this half term will be **gymnastics** where we look to build on taught skills from year 4 such as balances, tucks and rolls. We will also we continue to develop our swimming techniques.

Music

Children will be focusing on the songs we are learning for our Christmas production- we do warn you that there are some catchy songs that they will be singing at home!

Computing

We will learn how to use search engines effectively to find information, focusing on key word searches and evaluating search returns. We will also learn how to recognise that information found on the internet might not be true.

Design and Technology

In DT this half term, we will block a week in December where we look at bridges. This is part of the overall DT strand 'structures'. Children will start by looking at how to make a sturdy structure, they will use a range of resources to plan and produce their own bridge with the ultimate aim of being able to support a heavy load.