

Curriculum overview Dragon Autumn 2020

Welcome to Year 5! After such a strange few months, let's hope we are able to start this academic year in a more normal fashion.

English: We are starting our English learning with the Oliver Jeffer's book, *Here we are*. It provides lots of good talking points for us to help the children process what they have been through over the past few months and discuss how they are feeling. We will then move onto *Tuesday* by David Weisner. This picture book will allow the children to write newspaper articles, practise their descriptive writing and write conversations between characters. After that, in the second half term, we move onto *Ice Trap* which is about Ernest Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica.

Maths: Our starting point will be place value before we move onto practising addition and subtraction. After the half term, we will study statistics then multiplication and division. Every week, we will be practising times tables, both the multiplication and division facts and it would be fantastic if you could also practise these with your child either verbally/mentally or via an app. Hit the Button is very useful.

Science: The first topic will be Forces. We will be studying gravity, air resistance and water resistance. After the half term, we will then look at solids, liquids and gases: their properties and how we can change between these three states.

Geography: To begin the year, we will learn about Europe and the Mediterranean which will link to the next topic of Ancient Greece and build on what the children learnt in Year 3.

Homework: Once the children have settled in, we will introduce homework. In Year 5, we have two homework books: one maths and one with grammar/punctuation/spelling. We send home one book a week, the work links to what we have been learning in class. There will be a timestables sheet to complete each week. New work will be sent home on a Tuesday, to be completed and returned each Monday. Reading books will be sent home once children have settled. Please encourage your child to read 5 times a week, they can earn house points to gain their certificates. Regular reading where children are encountering new vocabulary and styles also helps to improve their writing. We will ask the children to keep their reading books, reading records and homework in their trays and mark them themselves (supervised) so that we minimise mixing.

PE: Our PE will be a **Tuesday**. Please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit on Tuesday morning so they are ready for PE.

Although school routines may be different for the children, we are here to support them and to help them adapt. We are very aware that the children have been away from school for a very long time and it may take them some time to adjust to being back in a school environment. If there are any problems or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Miss Bland and Miss Russell.