

Year 5 - Osprey Class



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Welcome to the Summer term in Year 5. There is a lot to look forward to over the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any member of the Year 5 team.

Our Christian Values



Our Christian values this term are Perseverance and Forgiveness

What are we learning?

Our key question this half term is: What can we learn from the Maya civilisation?

In English, we will be writing fictional narratives inspired by Anthony Browne's 'Gorilla'. We will then be moving on to writing non-fiction reports about gorillas, to tie in with our science topic on animals.

In maths, our focus is on statistics, shape, position and direction. Our key instant recall knowledge for this term is to count forwards or backwards in steps of powers of 10 for any given number up to 1,000,000.

Our science focus is on animals including humans, and our key scientists are Patrick Steptoe, Robert Edwards and Jean Purdy.

We will be learning all about the Maya civilisation in our history lessons, including finding out about fair trade chocolate.

The children are already looking forward to our D&T project, as we will be making our own rekenrek abacuses.

In RE, our question is 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'



We are reading...

'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.



Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is to:

- Complete the spelling assignments on EdShed;
- Spend 20 minutes on TTRockstars (Garage mode);
- Read every day.

There is a lunchtime club for children to access the apps if they have not been able to do so at home.

Children may be asked to attend if they do not do the homework.

If you cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let us know as soon as possible.

TTRockstars and EdShed assignments reset on Friday.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are still Mondays and Fridays.

Children need to come into school wearing P.E. kit. All jewellery must be removed, including earrings.

Long hair should be tied back in school.

Please send your child to school with their own water bottle each day.

Snacks at breaktime should be either fresh fruit or vegetables.

Musician of the month

This half term we will be learning about and listening to music by Kraftwerk and Gamelan Gong Kebyar



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Each child needs to bring their own water bottle every day. Breaktime snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables.

Upcoming dates

Thursday 23rd April - Parent and child OPAL afternoon

Monday 4th May - Bank holiday

Wednesday 6th May - VR Robotics Workshop (Yr3 and 5)

Friday 22nd May - School training day