



YEAR GROUP 5 SPRING TERM 2024 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful Christmas break. We look forward to a busy but exciting Spring Term. Below is an outline of the learning that will take place in Year 5 this term:

Maths	During the term the children will be working on formal written methods of multiplication as well as written methods for short division. They children will also learn about fractions - naming, equivalence, comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting them as well as multiplying fractions by whole numbers. They will learn about units of measurement and converting between different units of measurement. They will also complete some work on calculating the area of a shape and finding the volume and capacity of shapes.
English	Throughout this term the children will be looking at a range of quality fiction and non-fiction texts. In their writing, they will be encouraged to use a vast array of punctuation and apply spelling and grammar rules. Children will take place in daily whole class guided reading sessions where they will discuss new vocabulary and be assessed in their comprehension and understanding. The children will have weekly spelling tests – it is important that you help your child learn their spellings every week.
Geography	In Geography the children will be learning about mountains and different mountains around the world such as The Himalayas and The Andes.
History	The children will be learning about James I, the Gunpowder Plot, Guy Fawkes and the Divine Right of Kings.
Science	In Science the children will learn about changing materials including how to compare and group everyday materials using comparative and fair testing, dissolving, melting, separating mixtures, sieving, filtering and evaporating. They will also learn about reversible and irreversible changes, including changes that form a new material.
DT	In DT the children will be completing a unit on cookery, nutrition and healthy eating and a unit about creating their own product from a range of different textiles.
RE	The children will be learning about the celebrations around Easter and Passover.
Computing	For Computing, the children will be designing and creating their own game. They will evaluate existing games, design and create their own. Children will access the computing lessons through Purple Mash.
PE	The children will be having PE sessions every Thursday. The focus will be rounders and tag rugby.

PE- Year 5 are timetabled to do PE on a Thursday. They should come to school wearing their PE kits. This should be plain black tracksuit bottoms (shorts in the Summer), a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. They will also need their Parkside School jumper.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earrings should be studs

and no jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- It is important that children bring a bottle of water each day. Please make sure the bottle has your child's name on it.

Home Learning- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. Children will be set weekly spellings and times tables to learn and will be tested on a Friday. A choice of spelling activities will be in their spelling books. Children can earn points for completing activities. Their spelling results will be stuck into the back of their spelling books so you can track their progress. A choice of homework will be set half termly and children should strive to complete as many of the activities as they can, we look forward to viewing and celebrating their work.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day or send us an email:

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Kind Regards,

Year 5 Team