



Year 5 Newsletter – Spring Term 1 2023 – 2024

Dear families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and child will find useful.

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Chatsworth – Miss Barlow

Cliveden – Miss Frensemeyer

Hughenden – Mrs Munday

Manderston – Mr Fuller (Year Leader)

Mr Raynor will be teaching some of our lessons including PE. Miss Lewis will be teaching and supporting across the year group.

Maths

The focus for Maths this half term is fractions. We will begin by developing our understanding of equivalent fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers before using this to compare and order a range of fractions. Following this, we will be calculating with fractions. We will learn how to add and subtract different types of fractions then move onto multiplying fractions by whole numbers.

Reading

Our novel study for this half term is the wonderful 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. During our SQUIRT sessions, we will continue developing our understanding of strategies to use to decode new and unfamiliar language and practise how to apply these skills to 'find and copy' questions. We will also continue to develop our inference and evidence finding skills as well as our summarising skills.

The children will have the opportunity to visit the library and change their books on the following days:

Chatsworth – Thursdays

Cliveden – Wednesdays

Hughenden – Mondays

Manderston – Tuesdays

English

This half-term, we be writing a range of narrative and non-narrative texts based on The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. We will begin the half-term focusing on the structure of different non-narrative texts and use this to support our writing of a discussion text. We will also revise relative clauses and relative pronouns and use these within a piece of journalistic writing. Following this, we will begin to develop our narrative writing by looking at different descriptive devices, how to balance dialogue, description and action and identifying how we can use different sentence types for meaning. Over the course of the half-term, we will use these narrative skills to create our own short story inspired by The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

Science

During this half term's topic of 'Living Things', we will be understanding and comparing the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will also be looking at the differences between animal and plant reproduction. Finally, we will be researching the work of David Attenborough and Jane Goodall and identifying how they have developed our knowledge and understanding of living things.

Primary Knowledge Curriculum

This half term will be focused on Geography and we will be learning about the mountains and rivers of the world. Over the half term, we will examine the different features of mountains and rivers and learn about various mountain and mountain ranges across the world. We will also locate key mountains and rivers on a world map.

In addition, this half term, we will also be studying African Art. During this unit, we will be continuing to master our sketching techniques and will develop an African Art inspired cardboard relief design.

RE

This half term, RE lessons will focus on Holy Week in the Christian faith, discussing the events within the Easter story and debate whether or not they are a result of God's will.

PHSE

PHSE lessons this half term will be focussed on careers, including the identification of dreams, goals and barriers relating to children's future careers, considering what are the most important aspects of a career and discussing a case study of another person's career goals and whether they are realistic.

French

This half term, French lessons will be focussed on children learning how to describe where they live, explaining whether they live in a house or an apartment, which rooms are in their home and asking others what rooms they have in their home.

Computing

This half term, the children will be learning to use Publisher to create the front page for a newspaper and a website, linking to the knowledge that children have gained in their geography lessons.

Music

During Music lessons, children will learn how to vary the volume of their singing and control the rhythm of their singing and use of percussion instruments, in addition to continuing to further their ability to play brass instruments.

P.E.

Outdoor PE this half term is focused on Netball skills. During these lessons, we will be learning how to control the ball, how to intercept a ball and how to defend against the opposing team.

The focus of Indoor PE is gymnastics. Over the course of the half term, we will be developing our apparatus skills and putting these together to produce a short sequence.

PE will take place on the following days:

Chatsworth – Mondays and Tuesdays

Cliveden – Mondays and Tuesdays

Hughenden – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Manderston – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Please ensure your child has the correct PE uniform in school on their PE days.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

Snacks

The school continues to acknowledge the importance of good nutrition as an aid to learning. Therefore, can we please remind you that any snacks for break should be healthy e.g. fruit or vegetables.

We look forward to another fantastic term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Fuller, Miss Frensemeyer, Mrs Munday and Miss Barlow