



Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2023

Dear families,

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

In our year group this term we will have the following adults;

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. Mrs Johnson will be teaching and supporting across the year group.

Maths

During the first half of this half-term, we will be focusing on place value up to 1, 000, 000. We will be partitioning and recombining these numbers in different ways. Following this, we will be using formal methods of addition and subtraction to calculate with numbers with up to 5-digits. Towards the end of the half term, we will begin our Multiplication and Division unit and will be developing our knowledge of factors, multiples, prime, square and cube numbers.

English

Reading

In SQUIRT (Super Quality Uninterrupted Reading Time), we will be reading 'The Cloud Tea Monkeys' by Elpeth Graham and Mal Peet as well as selected pages from The Lonely Planet's 'Not for Parents Travel Book'. Towards the end of the half term, we will be reading about Greek gods, goddesses, myths and legends before beginning our new SQUIRT text 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans.

Writing

This half-term we will be writing character and setting descriptions as well as developing our understanding of organisational features by writing a non-chronological report, a set of instructions and a piece of travel writing. Our grammar work will focus on sentence structures and using a wide range of conjunctions. We will also be developing our knowledge of how to develop the detail of our sentences and the techniques we can use to make our writing more interesting.



Science

This half term's topic is 'The Human Body', in which we will be identifying how the body changes during the different stages of human growth, as well as describing the physical and mental changes that happen when our bodies begin to age. We will also be learning about the importance of our endocrine system, and what it consists of. Towards the end of the half term, we will be developing our scientific knowledge of what happens to our bodies as we enter adolescence and puberty and begin to understand the human reproductive system.

P.E.

The focus of our outdoor PE lessons will be Tennis. During these lessons we will develop our racket skills alongside our foot movement. In addition, we will be using these lessons as an opportunity to develop our collaborative skills and our perseverance.

The focus of our Indoor PE lessons will be gymnastics. Over the half term, we will learn key gymnastics vocabulary and techniques, using them to devise our own sequences as well as applying our skills to different games.

PE will take place on the following days:

Chatsworth – Wednesday (Outdoor) and Thursday (Indoor)

Cliveden – Tuesday (Indoor) and Wednesday (Outdoor)

Hughenden – Wednesday (Outdoor) and Thursday (Indoor)

Manderston – Tuesday (Indoor) and Wednesday (Outdoor)

Information regarding PE kit can be found on the year group page of the website. Please ensure your child has PE kit appropriate for outdoor PE during the Autumn and Winter months.

Primary Knowledge Curriculum

This half term we will be studying Geography and our topic will be 'Spatial Sense'. Throughout this topic we will be exploring elevated and lower areas as well as river basins. We will also be familiarising ourselves with aerial photographs, maps and globes as well as developing our understanding of the various lines on a map and the different hemispheres.

Our Art focus will be 'Style' and we will be developing our knowledge of a range of artistic styles. We will then use this to compare and contrast the styles used by various artists.

Every half term, the children will have a Knowledge organiser to support their learning in Art/DT, History/Geography or Science. These have a vocabulary section with definitions as well as information about what will be covered in the subject. Knowledge Organisers are used in every lesson and can also be used to inform homework activities. These will be uploaded to the Year 1 page at the beginning of every half term for your convenience.



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.

Wellbeing

We go outside in all weathers so please ensure that children come to school with a warm and waterproof coat with a hood, as well as named hats, gloves and scarves when needed. To support staff with finding misplaced items, please ensure that all coats and jumpers taken into school are clearly named.

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 a great start to Year 5!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Fuller, Miss Frensemeyer, Mrs Munday and Miss Barlow