

Year 5 Term 1 Parent Letter

Enquiry question – ‘Can innovation go too far?’

English

Using the book ‘Stormbreaker’, by Anthony Horowitz, we will produce our descriptive writing, with a particular focus on character descriptions and suspense writing. We will write diary entries and create formal letters using appropriate layout and features.

Creative Topic

DT: Throughout this term we will be exploring how machines and technology work and the impact they have on society today. Children will research and design their own gadgets. They will then make and evaluate pencil cases with secret compartments.

Art: We will be developing our sketching skills and exploring different watercolour techniques to show movement.

MFL

This term our French topic will be focusing on Phonics and revisiting previously learnt topics and vocabulary.

PE

On a Wednesday afternoon we will be developing netball skills and game strategies.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on number and place value, the four operations and understanding fractions. As always, we will be applying this in a range of different contexts, developing fluency, reasoning and problems.

Science

We will explore and investigate different types of force including friction, levers, pulleys, gears, air and water resistance, which will support children when considering the features and the design of their gadgets in DT..

Spellings – Each week focuses on a root morpheme, adding prefixes and suffixes to the root and applying phonological rules. Meaning of words is also covered and using them in sentences.

Homework

Times tables and KIRFs – practise key maths skills regularly to improve speed and accuracy. Use TT Rockstars to support.

Reading – make sure your child is reading at least 5 times a week. Please sign your child’s reading record every time they read at home. We will be checking reading records on a Friday and rewarding regular reading.

RE

This term children will be studying Sikhism and exploring how the teaching of the Gurus move Sikhs from dark to light.

PSHE

Being Me in My World. This focuses on being a Global Citizen and goals for the year ahead.

Computing

In Computing, we will be focusing on e-safety and app design using a variety of software.

Music

We will be manipulating sounds and composing using the Garage Band app.

Key Dates:

Cauliflower Cards: Children will be creating these on Friday 18th September.

Keep an eye out for the deadline for ordering.

Meet the Teacher:

Tuesday 15th September – an email will be sent to confirm.

Parents evening: Week beginning 12th October

Useful resource

Please look at our school website to find a useful guide with lots of information to support your child ‘How to help your child’.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to working with you this year.