



YEAR 5 SPRING NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a wonderful break. The teaching of Writing, Reading and Maths will continue to happen every morning. We will be writing non-fiction and fiction texts, encouraging children to punctuate for meaning and use a range of stylistic features. When reading, we will be delving deeper into inference and deduction and enabling the children to support their opinions with ample evidence. We will begin learning written methods for multiplication and division in Maths and we then move to understanding fractions, decimals and percentages for the remainder of the Spring Term.

As well as continuing with Writing, Reading and Maths, we will be starting some new subjects this term.

For the first half term, these include Computing and D.T.

In Music, we will be building on our work last term to learn about the Blues and its origins. In Computing, we will be working collaboratively on a Powerpoint presentation. Children will use Teams to hold a 'meeting' with children in another class and learn how to communicate effectively. An important area of this unit is discussing how to connect with others across a range of media safely. In D.T. we will be understanding and applying the principles of having a healthy and varied diet. We also learn about seasonality and food hygiene and we will be teaching children how to cook a curry. More details on this will follow.

For the second half term, we will focus on Geography and Art.

In Geography, we will be learning about South America and more specifically, Brazil. The children will understand about the physical aspects, such as climate, vegetation and biomes. They will also look at features of human geography and will have to write about the effects of deforestation. Looking at impressionists will be the focus for Art lessons. The children will research and evaluate the work of influential artists. They will then sketch their idea and create a final piece, using paint.

Reminders:

- Remember a bottle of water for drinking in class.
- A healthy snack for break.
- Please ensure you have your book bag in school every day.
- PE kits should remain in school. PE days will be on Wednesday and Thursdays
- Children are expected to fill out their yellow book review books each week.

Dates for your diary:

On **Thursday 22nd January at 9:00**, we are holding a Parent Access Clinic. The focus for this is Online Safety and it will help to support your child with the teaching they receive in school.

We are turning our classroom into a French café on **Tuesday 17th March at 9:00**. Please come and share in this experience and see your child take your order and communicate with you in French!

Homework:

Every Friday, your child will be given homework. It will consist of spellings to learn, Maths and Reading. Alongside this, there is some D.T. project homework; please see the email with an attached document for more information.

Please feel free to come and speak to us if you have any questions., or email us at year5@grendon.bham.sch.uk

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