

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2017

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Our topic is '**Express Yourself**', which covers a range of topics related to exploring our emotions and dealing with our own feelings.

We'll be thinking and finding out:

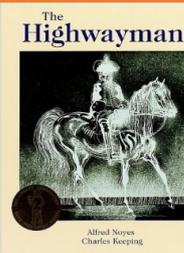
- How the way we feel effects other people
- How to deal with bullying
- What makes us happy or unhappy
- What we feel about our school
- How to cope with sad events such as death



Our first core text for our new theme is '**The Highwayman**', by Alfred Noyes. We are using this book particularly to study the effect of vocabulary on the reader, and how it can be used to create a sense of time and setting.

Writing opportunities will include: narratives, character studies, setting descriptions and poetry.

We will also be continuing to develop VCOP skills. In particular, how to apply a range of different punctuation correctly, including speech marks, commas, colons and brackets.



Maths

We will continue to study a wide range of topics in school, however we are also keen to help your child develop and practise their maths skills at home. Please encourage your child to learn and quickly recall all their times tables off by heart up to 12 x 12. Also, practise their written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Some home learning activities will be on **My Maths**. Usernames and passwords can be found in the front of your child's Maths Home Learning book. If you need a reminder of your child's username and password, please see you class teacher.



In the second half term, our theme will be **Fairgrounds**. This topic covers a range of science and technology skills. In Science, we'll be finding out what keeps our feet on the ground and other forces that act upon us. Also, how to identify and measure forces and how they act on everyday life.

In Technology, we'll be finding out how to solve problems to understand how everyday objects work. Also, how to design and make models and games using a range of cutting and joining skills.



Every Day Counts - Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance last term:

5W Kingshuk Hossain, Hajrah Ibrahim, Harmisha Kishokumar, Vismaya Manuel, Faisal Paeindha, Elavaluthi Painthamilpandian, Karish Theviskanth

5T Aamina Abbas, Jasmin Choudhury, Shazil Inamullah, Hadia Khan, Serena Kolotia, Siyona Patel, Aryan Ramchurn, Dilraj Singh, Aman Thandi

5P Sabriyah Afindi, Nora Alia, Sahara Baptiste, Abdul Karim Conteh, Isaac Egbune, Samia Hasan, Radwaan Hussein, Shahzain Inamullah, Sanjidah Islam, Rujuta Joglekar, Harsh Mahatma, Apishan Paramaraj

These children were presented with recognition certificates and stickers in assembly.



Swimming

All Year 5 children begin their swimming lessons this term. Please can you ensure you provide your child with a towel, appropriate swim wear (only a one piece swim suit for girls and swimming trunks for boys will be allowed. Please note that baggy swimming shorts for girls are not permitted by the swimming instructors). No jewellery is to be worn during the lessons, and this does include stud earrings. Classes 5W will have their lessons on Tuesdays, and classes 5T and 5P will have their lessons on Wednesday. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.



French

This term we will be developing the pupils' understanding of both written and spoken French, and encouraging them to speak and even begin writing simple French sentences.

P.E.

Please make sure your child brings the appropriate P.E .kit as they will be going outside this term. Indoors we will be developing our dance and gymnastics skills. Outdoors we will be learning a range of sports including netball.

P.E. Kit

Indoor: black/blue shorts, white t-shirt, plimsolls
Outdoor: tracksuit bottoms & top, trainers



READING

Pupils in Year 5 should read daily for a minimum of 20 minutes, and their skills are best developed when a more experienced reader reads with them and discusses their book. All pupils have access to the school library from which they may borrow up to two books at a time.

Reading Journals

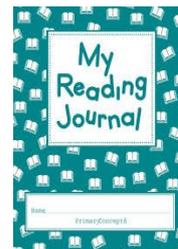
For children to make good progress in their reading, they should read for a short period of time everyday. To help the children keep track of what they read and develop their independence, they have a reading journal.

What should you do:

Please can you sign or initial in your child's reading journal to agree that your child has completed their reading that day. This will ensure that their effort is recognised and they receive their reading journal sticker on their chart.

What the teacher will do:

Children will be asked to regularly share their reading journal with their teacher and discuss what they have read. This would also be an opportunity for the pupils to share their chosen, completed reading activities.



SRE (Sex and Relationship Education)

This term we are looking at the following areas as part of our on-going programme of SRE within the school:

- puberty and hygiene and reproduction.

Although closely linked to the science and P.S.H.E curriculum, SRE will be taught in discreet lessons, as outlined in the policy agreed by the Governing Body.



28 Apr	PTA Sponsored Fundraising Event
1 May	Bank Holiday - school closed
25 May	Parent Coffee Morning - 9.15am Community Room
30 May—3 June	Half Term
5 June	INSET DAY - school closed to all pupils
6 June	Pupils return to school
8 June	School closed to all pupils - General Election Polling Station
15 June	Class Photographs
22 June	AM Sports Day, KS2 & Nursery AM PM Sports Day, KS1, Reception & Nursery PM
10 July	Reports to Parents
12 July	Parents Evening - no appointment necessary
20 July	International Friendship Picnic on school field - after school
21 July	Last day of summer term
4 & 5 Sept	INSET DAYS - school closed to all pupils
6 Sept	Pupils return to school