

Year 5 Curriculum

Newsletter

SPRING 2019

Year 5 are looking forward to another busy but fun-filled term at William Torbitt as we move on to a new topic for the Spring Term. We have all been working hard and the children have created some excellent work across the curriculum.

New Term, New Topic!

Our main topic for the Spring Term is called 'Arriving in Britain' and is a unit of work investigating British Values and changes over time. We will begin with researching **The Empire Windrush**, and investigate changes in population and reasons for migration. During this unit we will be particularly focusing on History and Music, alongside 3D design of buildings in Computing.



English

In English, we will be diving into the literature of **Shaun Tan**, exploring issues of migration and feelings of isolation through the characters. As well as continually working on our grammar, spelling and handwriting, we will focus on analysing the text and using our inference skills to help decode the text.



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 more complex French sentences.



Maths

Not only will we continue to consolidate our written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division throughout the term, but we will also delve deeper into understanding more about fractions and their links with decimals and percentages. We will also learn about number properties through a range of problem solving activities and stretch our reasoning skills!

We will begin to use **db primary** to set a range of home learning tasks, and do remember that pupils can log on at any time to play games and complete activities that will help develop their skills across this subject.

Please continue to support your children in quick recall of all their times tables facts (up to 12 x 12) as this will help them with all areas of the maths curriculum.



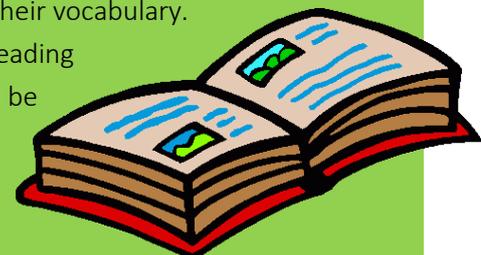
Home Learning

Children will continue to receive Maths and English/Topic home learning activities on Fridays, and this will be due in on the following Wednesday. db Primary will be available for children to use to help consolidate learning and set homework tasks.

Reading

Please ensure your child is reading as often as possible with an adult at home to help develop and widen their vocabulary.

Children's reading journals will be checked weekly.



Design Technology

The children will be researching, and then designing and building their own boats. These vessels will have to meet strict specifications, and will link with their work about Empire Windrush as well as being able to identify and explain the various forces acting on their boat.



Science

Our focus this term will be **Forces**. We will be investigating this area and the corresponding Scientists such as Sir Isaac Newton whilst also completing investigations and experiments.



Uniform

It is great to see our pupils looking so smart in their uniforms. Please help to maintain this by ensuring that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform, especially footwear.

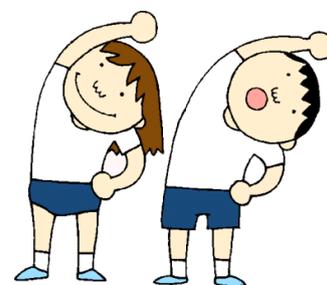
Computing

In Computing, the children will begin to understand simple programming structures. The children will be looking at creating sequences, loops, variable and also debugging.



Physical Education

PE Lessons will comprise of **Dance** and **Outdoor Competitive Games** this term. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit which should include a navy blue or black pair of shorts, a plain white t-shirt, dark coloured jogging bottoms for outdoor PE and appropriate trainers and plimsolls. Also, no jewellery is to be worn for safety reasons.



Every Day Counts

Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance last term:

5W — Kunal Ahgun, Debotri Basumatary, Keya Bhadresa, Mohan Bhuiyan, Nazarene Dyer, Rohan Jeer, Aaliyah Manjra, Lina Muhith, Abyad Rahman, Fahima Rahman, Afrin Rob, Praveena Sakthivel, Ashvini Uthayakumar

5T — Aasiyah Ali, Nardi Alia, Ellis Cundy, Mubarak Hussein, Abida Ibrahim, Haniya Khan, Patrick Malonda, Venny Martinov, King David Nimoh, Moiz Pervez, Stella Luana Vila Nova Loureiro

5P — Akshajen Balamhunthan, Stuart Gove, Elena Gratiozi, Jaishmika Jeyanthiran, Tasniah Kazi, Ayaan Latif, Nijhum Nasir, Ilamparathi Painthamilpandian, Emanuela Paladi, Rohan Patel, Divethika Pirapagaran, Jaipal Rathore, Aarvin Sharma, Nivashan Vasanthakumar

Diary Dates

22nd Jan	9.00am Parent Forum with Mrs Pike and Mrs Kettory
1st Feb	9.00am Year 5 Sharing Assembly to Parents & Carers
18th Feb - 22nd Feb	Half Term
25th Feb	All pupils return to school

