

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter
Term 4
Awesome Authors



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to start our new AWESOME AUTHORS theme learning after February half term. In this unit, we will be studying the work of JK Rowling, who wrote the fabulous Harry Potter books. We can't wait to immerse ourselves in the magical world of Wizardry.



Trips and Visitors for the year

Summer 1 Geography Explorers We will be exploring the local river, with a trip to Stanwick Lakes. The cost of this will be £4.

Summer 2 Let's Grow We are looking forward to growing our own food.

WOW days

On our Wow days, we will be getting creative and writing magical poetry, making potions, dragon hunting, making dragon eggs, and designing mythical monsters. On the final day of term, the children can come dressed as a Harry Potter character.

English

In English, we will continue to use the Talk 4 Writing model, where children are shown a great example of a text, learn it off-by-heart and then use it to help write their own version. We will be focussing on Finding Tales and creating fantasy worlds.

Maths

We will also continue to develop our times tables and quick-recall of the corresponding division facts because these are a great way to keep your mental maths skills sharp! We will be focussing on fractions, where we will identify naming and write equivalent fractions. In this unit, we will be ordering decimal numbers.

Geography

We will be studying how to understand human and physical geographical similarities and differences, through the UK, Europe, and South America.

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What we ask of the children at home

We want to encourage the children to talk as much as possible about their learning; this helps them to practise and consolidate the skills and knowledge they have gained during the school day. The following is expected of the children:

- **Read at home 3 times per week** – the children can write in their reading log themselves, but please add you initials or signature. Please also explore Oxford Reading Buddy, which the children have logins for. It is a great interactive website where the children can challenges themselves to quizzes.
- **Practise set spellings 3 times per week** – these could be written in their homework book or just practised out-loud. Spellings are always on the Spelling Shed website, which children have their own personal logins for.
- **Practise their times tables and corresponding division facts 3 times** per week. Time Tables Rock Stars is a website that all children can access in order to practice their timetables online.
- **Complete one piece of homework**, of their choice, per week.

PE

PE kit should be in school every day. PE kit should include clothing suitable for the weather along with plimsolls (trainers are sometimes a better option if possible). Earring should not be worn for PE; if your child has recently had them pierced, please write a letter to your child's class teacher and provide tape for them to wear during PE lessons.

Water bottles should be brought to school with fresh water each day and taken home to be cleaned each evening. This is essential to keep children hydrated throughout the day, including during PE lessons.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely
Mr Donovan, Mrs Travers and Mrs Tracey