

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter to Parents Autumn 1: Wellbeing

The Americas!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! We will be starting the new school year with the topic 'The Americas!' Hopefully this leaflet will give you an insight into what your child will be learning in school this half-term and provide you with some helpful ideas as to the kind of activities you could do at home to support their learning.



Wellbeing

Our whole-school topic this half term is 'Wellbeing'. We will be carrying out a range of activities linked to this topic.

Homework

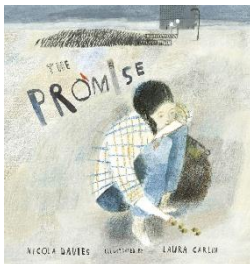
On a weekly basis, children are expected to:

- **Read to an adult 5 times each week for a minimum of 10 minutes.** This can be all different text types, including fiction and non-fiction. It can include reading a recipe or reading to a younger sibling!
- **Practise their times tables ready to be tested every Tuesday.** This can be done using Times Tables Rockstars.
- **Practise their spellings ready to be tested every Monday.**

Children may also be given additional subject specific homework.

English and Reading

Through Grammarsaurus, Year 5 will be focusing on the place value of punctuation and grammar. Our reading sessions will be based on a variety of books set in the Americas. Towards the end of the half-term, we will explore the book 'The Promise' writing our own alternate ending focussing on description.



Maths

We will be practising skills related to place value, adding, subtracting and multiplying, using both mental and written methods. At the end of the half-term we will also explore negative numbers, applying these to practical situations

Topic

Our Topic 'The Americas' will focus on the continents of North and South America. As this is a Geography based topic, we will be learning about the human and physical features of the two countries and creating comparisons of the two places.

Science

In Science this half-term, we will be learning about forces particularly focussing on the effects of friction, air and water resistance. We will also be exploring gears, pulleys and levers, examining how they work and creating our own versions.

Design Technology

During DT week, the children will be planning and cooking their own healthy meals linking to our wellbeing whole school topic. To tie in with our Year 5 Americas topic, one ingredient will be something commonly found in the region.

Personal, Social, Health, & Emotional Education (PSHE)

In PSHE, we will be learning about how to act in an emergency. To begin, we will explore the difference between an accident and an emergency then examine the different parts of a first aid kit and how to use them effectively. We will also learn about allergies and the difference between immunisations and vaccines. Linking to our wellbeing topic, we will also look at the importance of a balanced diet.

Physical Education

Our PE days will predominantly be Thursday and Friday, children need to have their Ashbourne Primary PE kit in school. Children will also need a reusable water bottle and trainers for outdoor PE.

Our indoor PE this half-term will be gymnastics. We will be: exploring a variety of jump shapes and rolls; exploring different ways to move safely and in a controlled way between different balances; developing basic methods of flight off apparatus and incorporating mirroring and matching to a routine.

For outdoor PE, we will be looking at a range of invasion games. Through these games, we will be focussing on ball skills aiming to develop our reflexes and reactions.

Religious Education

This half term, we will be exploring life after death. We will look at what life after death means to us before comparing and contrasting the beliefs of Christians and Hindus on the topic.

Art

Linking to our topic of 'The Americas', we will be examining the life and work of Frida Kahlo. We will learn about different techniques when creating portraits before creating our own based on Kahlo's work.