

Year 5 Learning Letter (Autumn 2)

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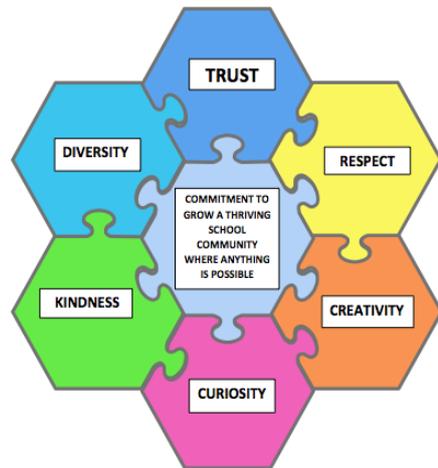
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Year 5's Learning News

This half term those of us who have trained to be Peer Mediators will begin our roles. We will need to demonstrate kindness, trust and respect (three of our BPS values) when helping our peers to solve problems on the playground.



What we will be learning...with top learning tips

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 8th Nov- Photo Day
- Monday 13th-17th Nov- Anti-bullying week
- Friday 17th Nov- Children in Need Day
- Friday 24th Nov- Christmas Fair
- Thursday 30th Nov- Learning Conversations
- Friday 1st Dec- Learning Conversations
- Tuesday 5th Dec- Reception Nativity to parents
- Thursday 7th Dec- Panto to parents
- Tuesday 12th Dec- KS2 Christmas parties (pm)
- Wednesday 13th Dec- Christmas lunch
- Friday 15th Dec- Last day of term
- Carol singing- dates tbc

Reading...Myths and Legends...we will be exploring how language can create a desired effect on the reader and also how language alters according to when and where a book is written.

Learning tip: Grace says, "If you get stuck on a word, you can sound it out."

Maths...we will be mastering our calculation skills from last half term by continuing to develop our understanding of the formal written methods associated with multiplication and division, as well as touching on shape and fractions, decimals and percentages.

Learning tip: Yousef advises, "When adding, look back in your book to remind yourself of the methods we have used in the past to help you understand."

GRAMMAR – the punctuation (and grammar) police will be out in force, setting high expectations of all Y5 pupils. We will be paying very close attention to the spelling of words we have learnt as well as basic punctuation and joined handwriting, ensuring these areas reflect our own personal best EVERY TIME we write.

Learning tip: Ruby suggests, "If you get stuck on a grammar word, use a grammar dictionary to help you."

Writing- The theme of 'Myths and Legends' will also be a focus in our writing lessons this half term when we have a go at creating our very own Myths and Legends.

Learning tip: Perry remarks, "When you're writing a story, use a thesaurus to make your story more engaging."

NOVEMBER is anti-bullying month...

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



What we will be learning...

History and Geography - through our Vikings topic we will be developing our historical and geographical skills. In History we will consider sources and what they tell us about life in the past. In Geography we will look at the snow tundra and how its terrain affects the lives of plants, animals and people living there.

Science - As part of our work on the snow tundra we will explore the life cycles and processes which the animals and plants inhabiting this area of the world experience.

- Mr Gogh will continue to teach PE this half term. Outdoor PE will be on Monday afternoons and the children will further develop their football and teamwork skills. Indoor PE, which is gymnastics, will be on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit (including suitable footwear) for both of these sessions every week.

Music - Throughout this half term we will be perfecting our singing and performance skills as nearer to Christmas we will be caroling in the community and spreading Christmas cheer throughout the school and town! We will need some adult helpers to accompany us on these festive trips- please let Miss Bowles, Mrs Russell or Mrs Thorner know if you're interested in coming along. We will confirm dates and locations shortly.

RE - The children will be exploring the attitudes and beliefs of the Hindu religion, with a specific focus on the festival of light, Diwali and shrines.

DT - As we approach Christmas we will be trying out some traditional Viking bread recipes. Over several weeks we will perfect our bread making skills with Mrs Thorner in preparation for our Viking feast at the end of this topic.

Jigsaw (PSHCE) - We will be 'celebrating difference' in our weekly sessions and using our learning to help us promote Anti-bullying Week.

WOW! Year 5's space homework projects were out of this world! What fabulous home learning: we were so impressed by the effort and creativity put in to producing them! You can see some examples of our projects in the learning hub...



Home Learning ideas...

There are so many ways you can enhance your learning at home, here are a few suggestions:

- Miss Bowles says, "Create a battle scene animation using lego or junk modelling materials!"
- Mrs Russell suggests, "Keep an eye out for Viking themed television programmes - they might give you an insight into what life was REALLY like for a Viking. You can catch up with Horrible Histories online too!"
- Mrs Thorner recommends, "Designing your own family shield - what symbols could you use to represent the members of your family and their characteristics?"

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice

School Council News and Views...inc CHILDREN IN NEED

We would like to remind you about Children in Need day on Friday 17th November. We are inviting everyone in school, including the teachers, to come in non-uniform for the day! There will also be a cake stall at the end of the school day on Thursday 16th November - please get baking at home and bring in your cake donations in the morning of Thursday 16th. All donations will go to the Children in Need.