

Year 5 Class Newsletter

1st half Spring Term 2024



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a fantastic break over Christmas and New Year - it's crazy to think we are in 2024 now! Spring 1 promises to be a very exciting term, full of challenges, opportunities and growth for all children. It promises to be a busy one! In year 5, our topic this term is called 'One Earth'. It is a very current topic, with children examining the effects humans can have on the planet, as well as how to help. A copy of our Topic Map is below, highlighting what we will be learning. In English we will be reading *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold. This will support our topic work. In Maths, we will be continuing our work with fractions.

Our half termly topic this term is: One Earth

In History we will be asking...

- Who was Wangari Maathai?
- What is deforestation?
- Why are trees important?

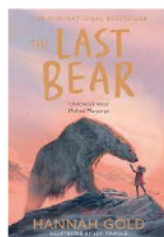
I already know...

I have learned:

climate
global
deforestation
impact
environment
recycle
rubbish
waste



In English we will be reading...



One Earth - Spring 1



In Geography we will be asking...

- What is Climate change/global warming?
- What can we do to help our planet?
- What things can humans do to reduce their consumption of carbon?

I already know...

I have learned:

Green Belt
Carbon footprint
climate change
global warming
causes
impact
carbon dioxide
carbon emissions
greenhouse
effect
Atmosphere



In PSHE we will be asking...

- Why is it important for people to use their voice?
- How is information online targeted?
- How do I know if what I am looking at online is fact or not?

I already know...

I have learned:

responsibility
express
opinions

media
entertain
inform
persuade
biased
stereotypes
Reliable source
Suspicious
content



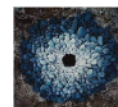
In Art we will be asking...

- Can a wall be art?
- What is a sculpture?

I already know...

I have learned:

Man Made
material
Non-degradable
Environment
Sculpture
Nature
Weave
Design
Communicate
Message



Other activities, trips and events this half term:

This term is going to be very busy! We have a couple of collaborations over the 5 weeks, both of which are fantastic opportunities.

- On Monday afternoons, we will be working at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch to do some fantastic Art lessons with their specialist teachers.
- On Thursdays, we will be working with Climate Education to support the learning within our topic

The first week of term (8th-12th January) is also our cycling week! Every child will have the opportunity to learn how to cycle safely.

What you can do to help:

We really encourage the children to keep reading at home! Every child should be reading for at least 20 minutes every evening. Reading independently is amazing, but reading with you is something that benefits the children even more - so if you ever have the time, it really is a great way for the children to develop their reading. Every child in year 5 will have access to lots of books in class, as well as a 'reading challenge' box in the classroom. Remember, the best readers also make the best writers! There will also be a weekly spellings focus, and times tables practice is something which is always useful!

Things to remember:

- We have PE on Wednesdays. Please remember to bring PE kits to school. It's really important for children to have clothes to change into!
- Every child should have a bottle of water in school, please ensure your child has one.
- Homework will be set either on Google Classroom or in homework books every Friday and is due back on Tuesdays.

Other information:

If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to ask me at hometime or via the year 5 email vpsyear5@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk - I will be more than happy to help.

Best wishes from the class team: Tom and Sabreen