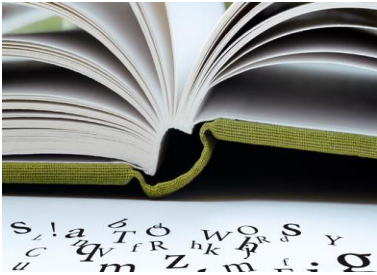


Year 5 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 5!

September 2022

What will your child be studying in English and Maths this term?



In **English**, we will be completing a book study of Betsy Byers' *The Midnight Fox*, exploring first person narratives inspired by an animation called *The Windmill Farmer*, writing non-fiction texts about a clan based on *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver and sharing Shakespeare's hilarious comedy, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

In **Maths**, we will be working on place value, exploring numbers up to 1,000,000, looking at handling data and real life problems involving addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at multiplication and division and ending the term investigating area and perimeter.



Your child will continue to receive **home learning** each week, including both an English task and a Maths task. These should take approximately 30 minutes each and will be given out on a Friday, to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Your child will be given spellings each week based on existing misconceptions and the most common medium frequency words, which they will practise every day in school and should practice these daily at home too.

In addition to this, please continue to ensure your child is challenging themselves with reading material and that they continue to read regularly at home by themselves and to an adult. We also encourage them to continue to use Times Table Rock Stars to practice their times tables and keep them at their fingertips!

Other Important Information and Dates

- ❑ Y5TW will have PE on Monday and Tuesday, Y5G on Tuesday and Friday and Y5R on Tuesday and Wednesday. On these days the children should come to school in grey or black leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms with a school uniform t- shirt (or white PE shirt) and a Harrison fleece or sweatshirt. They should wear trainers every day.
- ❑ In the second half of the term we hope to be able to take the children to the Mary Rose Museum as part of their learning about the Tudors.



This is what your child will be studying in the other subjects...

Science

During the Autumn Term, we will be investigating materials and their properties and understanding the importance of a healthy body.

History

We will be looking at two fantastic topics; The Mayans and The Tudors!

Art & DT

We will be using papier maché techniques to create our own clan figures and creating CAMS models of animals – all inspired by the clans we create as part of our Wolf Brother unit.

Music

Children will be studying Music Tech this term with Mr McBeath from Hampshire Music Service.

RE

We will be exploring the theme of peace and how this is discussed within Buddhism, before experiencing Buddhist meditation and relaxation techniques for ourselves.

PSHE

We will be studying two topics: 'How can friends communicate safely?' and 'How can drugs, common to everyday life, make sense?'

PE and Games

This half term the children will be learning tennis skills, then rugby. In gymnastics, they will be looking at symmetry & asymmetry then Tudor Dance.

Computing

This term we are covering the units, 'We are Bloggers' and 'We are game developers.'

MFL

We will be developing our French language skills learning vocabulary about a journey to school, followed by food and celebrations.

E-safety continues to be a priority at Harrison and when the children are at home. This includes using: You Tube, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and email. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik and Snapchat is 13. You Tube requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission. Despite these clearly stated and published age restrictions, large and growing numbers of children 12 and under are using social media networks often with their parent's knowledge and consent. E-safety is therefore of paramount importance.

We are really looking forward to working with you to give your child the best possible Year 5 experience!

Mrs Thornley, Mrs Roberts, Miss Golding, Mrs Wood, Mrs Morgan and Miss Falcon