

# CLASS 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



## ENGLISH

### Diaries

A diary entry is essentially a form of recount but will provide scope for adding a personal perspective. Each child will be exposed to a wealth of good model texts and once they have had a chance to enjoy the examples they will learn how to write a very powerful and emotionally charged diary entry of their own.

### Newspapers



Newspapers are also a type of non-fiction recount, however require some specific features and a formal style of writing. The children will be writing newspaper reports about significant events from History.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Climate Change Theatre Production – 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Parents Curriculum Evening – 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Chinese Ribbon Dancing – 25<sup>th</sup> February

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## DEAR PARENT

We hope that this newsletter provides you with some key information about what your child will be learning this half term and how you can support this at home.

PE will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

### SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

It will help your child if you could support them in learning and practising all of their times tables.

You could also support at home by hearing them read and talking to them about what their books are about.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Lambert and Miss Mawson (Class Teachers)

## Recommended Reading for Pleasure

Our class reading book is *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* - Philip Pullman. Full of hilarious, loveable characters, this is the book they will want to read over and over again.

Your child might also want to read:

- The Diary of Anne Frank
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Jeff Kinney

Or subscribe to <https://www.firstnews.co.uk/> - an award-winning national UK newspaper for children.

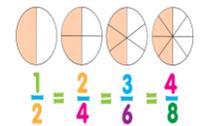
## SCIENCE

### Properties and Changes of Materials

These properties and Changes of Materials Year 5 science lessons will be jam-packed full of practical activities and scientific enquiries to help your child understand the differences between a variety of materials, and how materials can be mixed and dissolved, and reversibly and irreversibly changed.

## MATHS

### Fractions



This half term the children will be:

- Comparing and ordering fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number.
- Converting from mixed numbers to improper fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions whose denominators are multiples of the same number.
- Multiplying proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers.

### Multiplication and Division

This half term the children will also be learning a variety of strategies for multiplying and dividing numbers.

We will look at the practical methods and more formal written methods for recording our calculations.

Children need to be practising ALL of their times tables to help them be more fluent and accurate.

## HISTORY

### How has medicine changed through time?

In each lesson we will explore the features and changes in medicine and disease from prehistoric times to the modern era, investigating why changes occurred, what effect this had on the people of the time and how discoveries changed the way we approach the treatment of illnesses.

## ART



Children will be studying Chinese Art this half term.

Knitted Knowledge – recognise and understand themes and colours used in Chinese Art

Super Skills – use different media to create their own Chinese art including water colours and brushes and clay and clay tools.

## MUSIC

This half term we learning the song 'Make You Feel My Love'. The material presents an integrated approach to music where games, elements of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Pop Ballads.

## RE

### Why are places of worship important to religious believers?

#### Super Skills

- raise and begin to answer questions about identity and belonging.
- treat others with respect and begin to recognise and challenge discrimination.

#### Knitted Knowledge

- learn about the places of worship for different religions, what they look like, what happens here and what special items they have.
- learn about how and why places of worship are important to different faiths

## FRENCH

### Getting Directions

Teaching the children how to ask for directions will be a lot of fun this half term as it involves looking at life outside the classroom and creates opportunities for moving around.

## PSHE

**Dreams and Goals** aims to help children think about their hopes and dreams, their goals for success, what personal strengths are, and how to overcome challenges, via team work skills and tasks. There is also a focus on enterprise and fundraising. Children learn about experiencing and managing feelings of pride, ambition, disappointment, success; and they get to share their aspirations, the dreams and goals of others in different cultures/countries, and their dreams for the world.



"You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."  
- Christopher Robin



## PE

### Fitness

Pupils will take part in a range of fitness challenges to test and record their scores. They will learn different components of fitness including speed, stamina, strength, coordination, balance and agility.

### Yoga

The class will be learning a variety of Yoga poses and flows and creating their own in groups. Children will practise different flows to develop flexibility and strength and develop the quality and control of their movements.

**"You have only failed if you have given up. Until then, it is called Learning"**

