Important Events

Wednesday 18th April - Year 5 Trip to the RAF Museum
Friday 20th April - Cake Sale (under the shelter 3.30)
Friday 27th April – Venezuela class assembly
Friday 11th May - Puerto Rico class assembly
W/C 21.05.18 Families Week

Homework

Homework is handed out on **Friday** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**. Homework will consist of tasks that will consolidate the work they have learned that week and from time to time, a challenge related to their topics. A regular part of homework will be weekly spellings, this is preparation for their spelling test every Friday but we will practice them daily. From this half term, we will be giving maths homework via www.mymaths.co.uk

Every half term we will be giving out a 'take-away menu' which is a Humanities based homework. We have explained to the children how this works so you could support them in their research! How spicy will you go?

Year 5 trips

This half term has been crammed full of trips for year 5! Both classes enjoyed grabbing a piece the action this half term, with their trips to Pizza Express. As well as this, there has been another trip to the Urban Debate League, which was highly competitive, before both classes went to the Science Museum to watch the mind-blowing 'A Beautiful Planet' in 3D!

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Venezuela and Puerto Rico
Year 5, Summer 1
Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2 summary and Summer 1 information

Spring 2 has built on the success of Spring 1 and both classes are beginning to firmly understand the concepts with Maths No Problem. The year group as a whole has benefitted from some brilliant school trips and will no doubt take parts of these forward to support their learning.

We hope you have had a wonderful two weeks off and make sure that you all come back in one piece, ready for some sun and excitement in April!

Miss Mackey and Mr Schmitz

In English, we will start with some performance poetry. This will be perfect, having just created our own poems at the end of this term. We will focus on a bit more SPaG, looking at how commas clarify meaning and how to use brackets and dashes for parenthesis. Added to this, we will be writing some persuasive letters, to further our learning from Debate Mate!

We will be looking at new concepts in geometry – angles and movement of shapes will be part of the topics covered. We will be looking at how shapes rotate, reflect and translate across different planes or axes. Alongside these topics, we will be looking at how to convert between different measures (e.g. centimetres/metres/kilometres or seconds/minutes/hours. Towards the end of the term, we will be focusing on area and perimeter.

In the next half term, we will be looking at forces! This is such an exciting subject, as there are so many investigations and experiments we can do to test out forces such as gravity, drag and friction. We will look at how friction works on ice and snow, as well as understanding and investigating balanced forces. Children will also have an opportunity to look at how pulleys and gears can help lift heavier objects with a lighter force.

English

Performance Poetry

Persuasive Writing

Portfolio Writing

Maths

Maths- No problem!

Science

Forces

PSHE & RE

Buddhism

I RE, we will be looking at Buddhism next term, including paying close attention to Buddha's teachings. We will delve deeper into the daily routines of a Buddhist, while also seeing what the word 'community' means in Buddhism.

Computing

Animation

We will be looking at animating using I Can Animate to make a film.

Art and DT

Take one picture

Humanities

The Battle of Britain

Physical Development

Next term we will be focusing on a new concept, which takes us on a journey around a particular picture. The children will be deciding on the skills we focus on, which could be painting, modelling or sculpting. The picture we will be using is called 'An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump' by Joseph Wright of Derby.

After a chilly time learning how to play cricket, we will all be hoping that the weather warms up a bit so we can enjoy doing some athletics! Dance was a success and we will be moving to gymnastics. P.E. will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays for Puerto Rico and Wednesdays and Fridays for Venezuela.

As we are celebrating 100 years of the Royal Air Force this year, it is only appropriate we look at one of the most pivotal moments in the Second World War. We will be exploring the planes used and understanding why the Battle of Britain happened.