



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn term - September 2021



Welcome back.

We hope you had a restful summer break and are looking forward to beginning our Autumn term. The staff are excited to see the children and get to know them better. We have lots of exciting topics to discover, but this week is about settling into school life and establishing routines whilst exploring our theme of Light. We have some fantastic activities planned.

Staff in Year 5

Your Year 5 teachers are Miss Muirhead (Y5LM) and Mrs Watt (Y5SW). We are ably supported by Mrs Murali and Mrs Devine across both classes. Mrs Watt's class will also be assisted by Mrs Pugh. On a Thursday, Y5SW will be taught by Mrs Mullis and Mrs Montgomery. We have planning time on a Friday (afternoon initially) when Y5LM will be taught by Mrs Mullis and Y5SW by Mrs Montgomery.

Routines

- PE will be on Thursday for Y5SW and Friday for Y5LM. Children should come to school in their PE kits and trainers on these days (see website for PE uniform).
- Homework is given on a Thursday/Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Expectations

This week, we will be discussing Year 5 expectations with the children and getting them into routines. All children in UKS2 are expected to demonstrate the Three Rs at school: **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience**. We will be working on these in school all year. We would love your support from home with these values too.

Respect- showing respect to everyone they come across in and out of school, and treating the school and its resources with respect. Respect in lessons means working quietly and allowing others to be able to work without interruption.

Responsibility- becoming more independent and responsible for the things that affect them: handing homework in on time, taking home books and packed lunch boxes, taking responsibility for school stationery and not losing items. It also means taking responsibility for their own learning and making sure it is always at their best standard.

Resilience- being resilient, positive and strong even when things are not going their way. Challenging themselves and showing resilience during friendship issues are all ways your child can develop this skill.

Curriculum

We have some fantastic topics to explore this term. In science, we will be looking at states of matter. Our history topic is the Egyptians and in geography we will be learning more about the River Tees. In English and reading lessons, we will link closely to these subjects to give children an all-round experience. We will continue to study Christianity in RE, exploring the question: what makes God loving and holy?

Spelling

Each week we will be testing the children on spelling. We will learn previously taught words alongside the 5/6 spelling list. (The spelling list for the term will be sent separately). The words will also be saved on Spelling Shed for the children to practise. Spelling Shed is a fantastic resource for practising the different spelling patterns.

Reading

Children will be given the opportunity to choose books from our classroom library to read at home. Please encourage your child to read as much as they can every day and record in their reading record. Although children are older, it is beneficial to hear them read aloud at least twice a week. We will also be exploring a wide range of genres in class through our reading lessons and class books. A Year 5 recommended reading list will be sent separately.

Contact us - If you have any queries or wish to talk to your child's teacher, we will be available before and after school. Should you require a longer chat, please contact the school office (01642 769942) to arrange a call back or email admin@stfrancispri.dalesmat.org and we will be in touch as soon as possible.