



Thunberg Class - Year 5

Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 5!

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer break - it is wonderful to see you all again. I'm so excited to be teaching your children this year and am looking forward to getting to know you more over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to send me a message on Dojo. I am also available most days after school if you would like a brief chat. Thank you- Miss Cooper

Thunberg Class

This year, the classes have been named after people who have made a difference to the world, with a focus on mental health. Our class will be named Thunberg Class, after Greta Thunberg. The children spent some time learning about Greta during transition week and will continue learning about her triumphs throughout Year 5.



Class Dojo

Dojo will be my primary method of communication with you this year. Please ensure you check this regularly for any messages, reminders or information. If you have any queries or questions please send me a message on here and I will get back to you as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulties accessing Dojo please contact the office.



Topic

Shhhhh.. We have not made our predictions about our class book yet so I won't give too much away... More will be revealed to the pupils next week!



Water/Snacks



Children need filled water bottles in school daily (please ensure this is water, not juice). Also, they are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for morning break (such as fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese or a cereal bar) - this should help boost concentration until lunch.

Outdoor learning/PE

In Year 5 we will be doing outdoor learning on a Friday afternoon (whatever the weather) so please ensure your child comes in warm clothes, a waterproof coat and suitable shoes. It would also be really helpful to bring a bag containing spare pair of shoes for when we return inside after these sessions.



We will be having 2 sessions of PE per week. Until we begin swimming, both of our sessions will be on a Wednesday and will then change to Monday and Wednesday. Swimming will take place on a Monday morning (starting from the 4th of October). Please ensure your child's bag is large enough to hold their shoes and all of their clothes (e.g. an aldi bag) to follow the pool's Covid guidelines. Pupils can come to school in their PE kits on these days.



RE

Our theme in school this half term is Love. We will be discussing what this means, who we love and the importance of sharing love with others, linking these to bible teachings. In RE lessons, our big question is 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?' Here we will be looking at Christian ideas of God using theological terms and will consider how Christians put their beliefs into practice.



Key Dates

Every Friday 2:30 - KS2 Celebration assembly!
Thursday 16th Sept - Harvest Festival for pupils
Friday 24th Sept - Macmillan coffee morning
Friday 1st October - National poetry day
Monday 4th October - Swimming starts
Thursday 21st Oct - School closes

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on place value and addition/subtraction. This will involve looking at numbers to a million, comparing and ordering values, rounding to the nearest 10,100 & 100 and learning about Roman Numerals to 1000. During our addition/subtraction unit we will recap the formal written methods of calculation. We will also have daily arithmetic lessons to reinforce our times table knowledge, skills and improve calculation techniques.

Reading

In Year 5 we will take part in 3 guided reading sessions each week. We will also have the opportunity to read independently and visit the school library. KS2 have recently acquired new individual reading books, which will be sent home soon.

Writing

In English lessons we will continue our text-based approach to teaching and learning. All of our writing lessons will be based around a central text and will involve a variety of reading, GPS and writing activities. We will build our stamina for writing over the half term using the chapters to write in a variety of genres, with a particular focus on newspaper reports. We will then complete a 'hot write' at the end of the half term to demonstrate the skills we have acquired over the unit. We will also have time dedicated to key GPS skills every day.

Homework

A list of topic-based homework choices will be sent separately/on Dojo. Pupils can choose which pieces they would like to complete and send in through Dojo or return to class by Wednesday. This list is not exhaustive and should just be used as a guide. Please be as creative as you would like! There will also be 1 or 2 Mathletics tasks to try each week to consolidate the learning we have done in class. Each child will be given a reading and record book over the next few weeks—more information about this to follow.

Year 5 at a glance - Autumn 1!

In addition to the core subjects in a morning, here is an insight into the lessons we will be doing each afternoon and information about anything extra you may need each day.

Monday	PSHE and Science - nothing extra required today.
Tuesday	Topic - nothing extra required today.
Wednesday	PE - Come to school in your PE kit and bring a waterproof coat. Homework due in - please ensure it is on Dojo by today.
Thursday	RE and Topic. Library session today - bring your book to renew or exchange.
Friday	Outdoor learning - Please bring a bag containing a change of footwear (wellies/walking boots) and extra clothing to suit the weather.
Please bring your reading book to school with your reading record every day.	

Please note: This table will be updated and re-sent once swimming lessons commence.