

Useful Information:

PE

Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing, The school policy is navy or black shorts and a plain white or blue T-shirt with **trainers** or **plimsolls**. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn in cold weather. Children should bring their PE kit in a drawstring bag, on the first day of term and leave it in school until half term. Jewellery should not be worn to school, with the exception of small studs, which should be removed by the child for all PE lessons.

Birthdays

In line with the school's healthy eating policy, please do not send in party bags, sweets etc. when it is your child's birthday. You can however send in a cake for classmates, ready cut, with a napkins or bags.

Homework

In line with the school's homework policy, children can expect to receive, in their homework book, a Year 5 spelling list for Summer 2, spellings with handwriting joins weekly and a list of tasks linking to our topic. Children are encouraged to complete a page a week of either something suggested, something linking to their end of year expectations or something they have worked on in class. Homework will be looked at every Wednesday so please ensure your child has their book in school whereby new spellings for the following week will be stuck in. Children should remember that homework books are school books and should be kept neat at all times!

Book Bags

Children should bring their book bags to school each day with their reading book. Book bags can be purchased from the office. Children may bring a pencil case if they wish that can be kept in their tray and used during break/lunch times.

Uniform

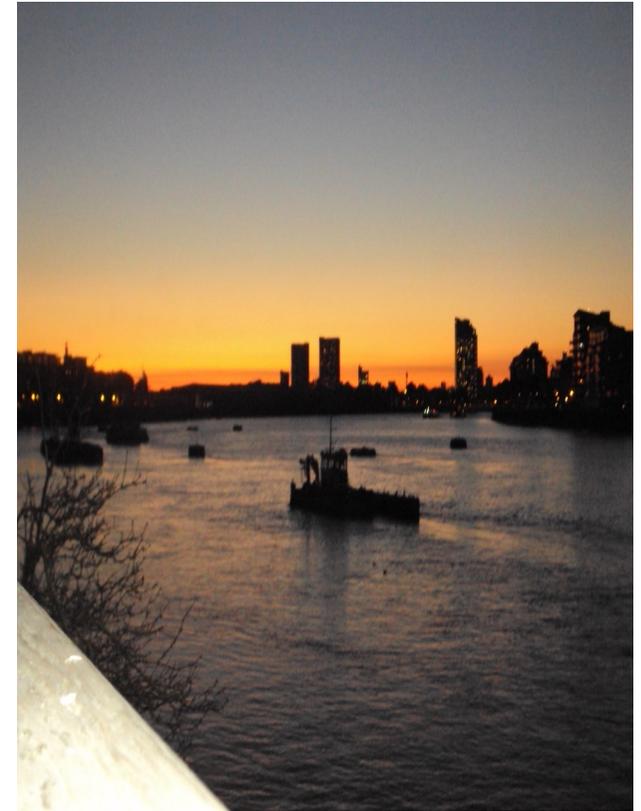
Children are expected to wear school uniform. This can be purchased from the office. Please ensure that **all** uniform and P.E kit is clearly labelled with your child's name. Children should not wear jewellery to school but small ear studs are permitted.

If you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Year 5 Newsletter

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Class teachers:

Miss Mckeon 5M, Miss Fontaine 5F

Teaching assistants:

Mrs Dirrane, Miss Boyer

Children will be learning:

English

In the first half term, children will be writing journey stories, based on the story—How to Live Forever. They will then be writing an explanation based on the text—The Parent Pleaser. In the second half term, the children will be writing a warning story, based on the text—Trapped. Children will also write a persuasive text and poetry based on our art work, linking to arts week.

Reading

Reading is taught at school daily and pupils will get regular opportunities to read together in small groups and individually as well as listening to the teacher read aloud. Our reading focus this term will be to retrieve answers from fiction and non-fiction texts and to infer character's feelings and thoughts based on what they say and do and justify with evidence. We will also be discussing the genre of different books. Children are encouraged to borrow books from our class reading area and to read at home every day. Books borrowed from school can be changed when they have finished the book. Children need to keep a record of books they are reading in their home school reading record. Children need to bring their book and reading record to school everyday. These will be checked on Mondays.

Maths

Maths in the Summer term will cover the following areas: geometry, position and movement, measurement, area and perimeter, volume and roman numerals. Children will be encouraged to develop their problem solving skills, writing simple explanations to describe how they reached a solution and completing practical tasks involving real life problems.

Science

Children will learn some important characteristics of different types of forces. They will be able to explain why gravitational force causes unsupported objects to fall towards the Earth. They will be able to describe the impact of friction and resistance (air and water) on moving surfaces. They will learn how a small force can have a greater impact using some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears. The children will learn about these topics using scientific inquiry, fair testing and research. Ample opportunities for practical learning will be provided e.g. building simple levers and pulleys using everyday objects. During science lessons children will be encouraged to use scientific vocabulary, make observations and use data as evidence.

RE

Children will learn about Peace in the world and Understanding different Faiths in Greenwich.

Humanities

The topic for the Summer term is 'The River Thames'. Children will learn about the history of the Thames including the Frost Fairs, the Princess Alice disaster and the whale in the Thames. They will also learn about the formation of rivers in general and the names of the features which are typical of each stage. They will learn about the formation of the Thames itself from source to mouth. Children will research the importance of the Thames today and how this has changed over time. Humanities learning will be in response to enquiry questions.

PE

As last term, Y5 will benefit from specialist coaching in PE. Both classes will continue to have an outdoor PE coach. PE for both Y5 classes will be on the same days: outdoor PE on Fridays and Indoor PE on Thursdays. Please see the notes on suitable PE kit later in this newsletter and ensure that children have their kit in school every day including suitable footwear e.g. trainers or plimsolls for outdoors.

Art & DT

In Art, the children will be creating work in mixed media relating to the River Thames.

In DT, children will be designing and creating bags for different purposes. They will be looking at their purpose, designing them using suitable materials and then making them. Children will be visiting a Secondary School to take part in a workshop to create the bags.

Computing taught by Mr O'Leary

In line with Humanities and Arts Week pupils will use ICT to research the River Thames, before showcasing their learning in a presentation where they will have to select, combine and use the most appropriate software to help them to achieve their end goal. They will learn how to use video editing software to present work. They will also learn how to use MS Excel to record and present data.

Music taught by Miss Portman

Year 5 are learning about 'Film Music' this term. They will be listening to and analysing various types of film music, as well as composing their own music to accompany an animated short film.

French taught by Miss Cole

Year 5 will be carrying on writing to their pen pals in France. They will also be learning to write stories in French.

Upcoming Trips to be arranged:

Thames Barrier
Emirates Airline