

Year 5

Spring Term 2

Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons have started for Swan class this half term. The children are really enjoying their time spent at Pershore Leisure Centre and are making great progress!



Subject	Focus
English	Our text this half term in both English and Reading lessons is a non-fiction text called 'Harry Potter A Journey Through a History of Magic'. We began the unit with an exciting Harry Potter morning where we discovered which Hogwarts houses we would be in, translated Latin Spells and made wands! For the rest of the unit, we will be exploring the features of non-fiction texts, identifying these in the book and embedding them into our own writing, answering a range of VIPERS questions on the book and enhancing our learning by watching clips from the films and reading extracts from the original Harry Potter series.
Mathematics	Our units of work this half term are 'Fractions, Decimals and Percentages' and looking at the relationship between the three and 'Geometry'.
Science	We are continuing with our topic 'Properties and changes of materials'
R.E.	'What would Jesus do?' is our new topic which makes us think about how we can use Jesus' teachings in our own lives today
Art/DT	We are continuing with our topic 'Local Architecture'.
Theme	Our new topic is 'The English Civil War', where we are exploring many of the different impacts on the country including the impact on Worcester
I.C.T.	We are creating class databases and starting to create our own games using Purple Mash
P.E.	We have two focuses this half term 'Handball' and 'OAA – Outdoor Adventure activities', where we are developing our communication and team working skills
Music	We are focusing on the Hindu Holi Festival, where we are exploring music through colour and looking at synaesthesia

Inspire, Discover, Achieve

Homework

The children will continue to have weekly spellings to learn (set on a Friday) which will include words from the no nonsense spelling lists and sometimes subject specific vocabulary. The children will be given a spelling quiz on the following Friday.

In addition, the children will have Maths, English and Reading/spelling activities set every week (Reading and spelling activities will be on alternate weeks although the children will still be expected to learn their spellings weekly). This will be set on a Friday on Google Classroom and must be handed in on the following Wednesday. Hard copies will be available.

Equipment for School

Please continue to provide your child with a **named** water bottle every day, as water is essential to keep your child's brain 'switched on'. Please ensure that all stationery is provided and is clearly labelled. **We have recently noticed that many children are coming to school without the correct stationery.** We do have stationery in school for children so please let us know if you are struggling to provide it. Earrings need to be removed on P.E. days for your child's safety.

Reading at home

At present, we are continuing to encourage the children to read for pleasure. We ask that the children read for 10 minutes every night and that parents talk to the children about what they have read. There is a log on Marvellous Me to log reading, which we would encourage you to use.

Reading at home can include anything that interests your child. This could include magazines, newspapers or a book that they have read even if it isn't their school book.