

Year 5 Class Newsletter



LARKS HILL

JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

Summer Term 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

Year 5 have worked extremely hard over the year so far. With only one term left of year 5, the pupils have numerous activities to look forward to such as 'Go Ape' and 'Bike Ability.'

Maths

In maths, we will start with developing a robust understanding of decimals, shapes, as well as positioning and direction (co-ordinates and translation). As always, there will be a great emphasis on using our maths skills for problem solving and using them in other subjects where possible. As always, practising and learning times tables will remain a priority.

English

Initially, there will be a focus on developing our core skills across the English curriculum. This will involve ample amounts of reading across all lessons to develop stamina, speed and improve our comprehension skills. This is very important throughout Year 5, to best prepare the children for Year 6. This will be coupled with spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting work to ensure children have the necessary skills to write successfully with increasing independence. Our class text is 'Cogheart.' This book will form the basis for all our English work.

History

We will be looking at the Victorian era, focusing on primary and secondary sources to understand the impact it has had on life in England today.

Geography

We will be looking at different key features of mountains and rivers around the world.

How you can help your child:

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.

Please listen to your child read and discuss what they have read every night. Ensure reading records are signed.

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.

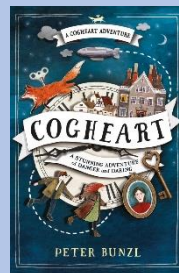
Please help and encourage your child to complete their homework.

Please ensure children have their outdoor PE kit on a Wednesday and swimming kit on a Friday.

Science

This half-term we will study Forces. During this unit, we will be learning about the how forces act on objects, the effect that gravity has on objects, how to minimise the effects water resistance has on objects, and the impact of friction on a moving vehicle.

Computing



The focus for the half-term is to create and debug an animated scene from Cogheart.

PE

Our PE lessons will be on Wednesday and Friday. On a Wednesday, we will be focusing on cricket and on a Friday, we will continue our swimming lessons at Aspire.

Art

We will be looking into using a wide range of types of stitching such as cross stitch, running stitch, back stitch and blank stitch. We will be creating a piece of fabric from our understanding.

Design Technology

We will design, create and evaluate a gear system to animate characters from cogheart.

Spanish

We will be describing the city that we live in and share our opinions, both using clear and accurate pronunciation.

Music

The focus for music will be to improvise and compose a movie soundtrack. We will be listening and appraising different components of soundtracks to inform our final music piece.

RE

In RE, we will be learning to understand the importance of the events within Christian funerals, as well as Muslims and Hindu's views on life after death.

Homework

The spellings for this half term have been handed to pupils and they will be tested every Friday. The pupils will also bring home their arithmetic papers which will have methods attached. Every week, the pupils will also have tasks set on Sum dog which are based around the topics in maths that we have completed. They will write what they need to do and when it is due in. Children will write their homework in their planners.

Reading Books

It is expected that children will read every day, if possible and parents are to sign their child's reading record.

Please keep in touch

If you would like to speak to either of us about anything concerning your child, or any aspect of Year 5, please do not hesitate to contact us before or after school, make an appointment in the school office or contact us directly via ClassDojo or email.

Best wishes,

Miss Stokes.

Useful Websites

TT Rockstars <https://trockstars.com/>
BBC KS2 Bitesize
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

Sumdog

https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in