



Year 5 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2022

Welcome to the second term in Year 5



Our Themes this term are:
Power of the Monarchy and Dig for Victory

We will begin the Spring Term with a mini unit called 'The Power of the Monarchy', in which the children will be learning about key monarchs over the past 1000 years and how their power changed.

The term will then continue with a theme focused on World War 2, beginning with a trip to Fort Nelson to 'hook' the children in. The children will find out what it was like to be a child living in Portsmouth during this period and how the city was involved in the war effort. We will be reading 'Friend or Foe', which will improve the children's understanding of what it was like to be an evacuee. During our dress-up day, the children will be role-playing real life evacuee experiences to bring past events to life.

These are key learning objectives we will be covering in English and Mathematics

In reading we will be learning to:

- draw inferences such as characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence

In writing we will be learning to:

- use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose or that
- use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing

In maths we will be learning to:

- compare and order fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number
- solve problems involving numbers with up to three decimal places

Helping Your Child at Home

Reading

Please help to build your child's reading stamina by encouraging them to read for longer periods of time (15 minutes of sustained reading is perfect!). It is still helpful to hear your child read aloud too. Are they reading with expression? Do they understand the grammar of a sentence or are they ignoring the punctuation? Also, check that your child understands words that they do not use in everyday language.

Writing and Spelling

To help improve their spelling, we would like your child to practise words from the common exception word lists. They can apply spelling strategies they have learned at school and apply them in their own sentences. In addition, Sumdog can be used as a tool to improve spelling within the 'Spelling Training' menu. If your child enjoys writing at home, please check that they are not making simple spelling errors and encourage them to correct spelling mistakes.

Mathematics

Times tables and division facts are key to success! First they need to be able to securely recall them and then be able to apply them. Can your child explain how they worked out 700×4 using a known number fact? (i.e. $7 \times 4 = 28$ so 700×4 must be 100 times bigger - 2800). This also relates to division: $240 \div 8 = 30$ because $24 \div 8 = 3$, and 240 is 10 times bigger so the answer must be 10 times bigger: 30. Can they apply their times tables and division facts knowledge to identify factors of a number less than 100? If you said 24, could they identify all the numbers that can be divided into it to give a whole number answer? (Another way of looking at it is: what times tables can this number be found in? The factors of 24 are, 1, 24, 2, 12, 3, 8, 4 and 6.)

Our PDL SCARF Learning



To support the teaching of PDL (Personal Development Learning) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) in school, we use resources and planning provided by SCARF. SCARF's resources promote positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement.

SCARF stands for: Safety - Caring - Achievement - Resilience - Friendship.

For your awareness, these are the SCARF units being taught this term with brief details of what will be covered.

Being my Best

During this unit your child will learn about:

- some of the harmful effects of smoking and drinking
- talents and skills
- the school community and keeping safe
- independence and responsibility
- how celebrities are represented in the media
- some basic first aid

Rights and Responsibilities

During this unit your child will learn about:

- healthy lifestyles
- facts and opinions
- rights, responsibilities and duties
- communities and voluntary work
- the election and responsibilities of local councils

Dates of Special Events in Year 5

Wednesday 26th January 2022 - Fort Nelson - WWII History school trip (details to follow)

Thursday 17th February 2022 - WWII Evacuee Dress Up Day

Thank you for your continued support
Year 5 Team