
Spring 1 Overview: Year 5

Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers,
Welcome back and happy 2024! We sincerely hope you've had a restful break. This will be a short (five weeks!) and busy term. As ever, thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Looking forward to a fantastic half term,

Miss Dearness and Mrs Gambier

Key Dates:

Tuesday 9th January **First Aid Workshop**

Wednesday 31st January **Young Voices Concert**

Thursday 1st February **Storytelling Workshop**

W/C 5th February **Mental Health Week**

Tuesday 6th February and Wednesday 7th February **Parents' Evenings**

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February **Half Term Break**

Monday 19th February **Children return to school**

Maths

In maths, we are going to focus on multiplication and division. We are following the White Rose scheme of learning built around maths mastery. Additionally, Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) is available for daily practise. We suggest the children spend 20-30 minutes on TTRS each week, completing the monthly Gig and daily Soundchecks.

Literacy

In literacy, we will be writing atmospheric descriptions, letters with contrasting formality and a non-fiction report all based on the classic Ray Bradbury short story *All Summer in a Day*. Each week will have both specific spelling words and a grammatical focus.



Reading

Children will continue to explore a range of texts and activities, recapping and building on their knowledge and understanding of the key reading skills: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise. We will also be continuing to read our class novel.

Science

In science this term we will explore reversible and irreversible changes. Children will be able to explain the properties of materials which affect these changes.

Foundation

History - Key events in British History

Art – Perspective

PSHE – Internet safety

RE – Buddhism

Spanish – Food and opinions

PE

Miss Dearness's Class: **Thursdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)**

Mrs Gambier's Class: **Tuesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)**

This term we are fortunate to have a specialist gymnastics teacher for our weekly indoor sessions. For these sessions, we ask that children remove their shoes and socks before the lesson. If your child cannot do this due to an injury or other issue, please send a message to the teacher. Please ensure that your child wears clothes that they can move freely in and keep warm in for both indoor and outdoor PE sessions.

Homework



Weekly homework will have spellings, times tables focus, arithmetic practise, grammatical skills. In addition to this, children should read a minimum of 15 minutes per day. If your child is struggling to get 'hooked' into a book, please let us know and we will find some fantastic options for them.