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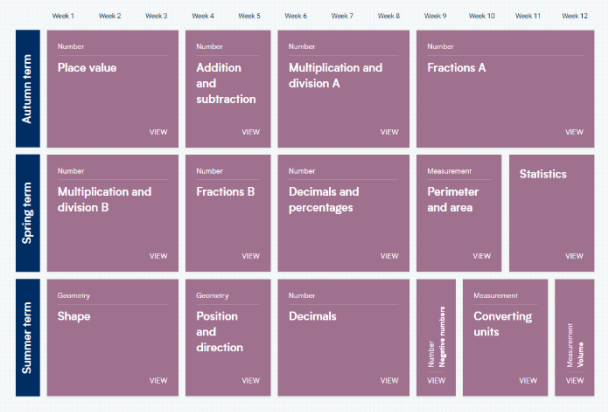
Year 5 - Autumn 2 Overview

Dear Year 5 parents and carers,

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the new term! We wanted to write to you to fill you in on all the wonderful learning taking place across the curriculum so far and still to come in this term.

In maths, we have continued our learning on multiplication and division. We will shortly be moving onto fractions, securing our understanding of what a fraction is before using this knowledge to learn about equivalency. The children will deploy different representations of fractions to secure their understanding and will be using this to reason and tackle multi-step problem-solving tasks.

We will be following the White Rose (https://whiterosemaths.com/) sequence of learning in maths. Please note that this overview is only an outline of what will be covered. Lesson content will be closely tailored to the children's needs.



Please continue to use Times Table Rockstars to practise speed and fluent recall of multiplication times tables. If you have any problems logging on, please feel free to contact the office.

Free parent workbooks that will assist you with following our White Rose Maths scheme of learning are available here https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads

In literacy, we are using The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad as our descriptive writing focus. We'll be using fabulous figurative language, together with our vocabulary from the Golden Age of Islam learning last term, to describe a souk from the story. Later in the term, we'll be using the book *The Dam* to inspire some debate, and then to write a formal letter to the Northumberland Council from the perspective of a resident of the valley. In our grammar lessons, we will start by building on the children's knowledge from last term of sentence types, clauses including main clauses and subordinate clauses, as well as coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

Our reading sessions will be linked to our geographical learning by reading Katherine Rundell's '*The Explorer*'. *We* will be engaging in deepening discussions around the text, alongside completing tasks which continue to hone reading and comprehension skills.

In science this term we will be commencing our new topic: forces. In this exciting new unit, the children will be broadening their previous knowledge of push and pull forces and will

learn to describe the effect of simple forces that involve contact (air and water resistance, friction), that act at a distance and gravity. We had so much fun at the WonderLab last term: we can't wait to deepen our learning further!

Wider Curriculum

We have been learning about Christian life in RE, building the children's understanding of the importance of the Trinity for Christians. This term we will look at the different festivals in the Christian calendar.

In computing, we will be introducing the app 'Swift Playground', and children will be building on their coding skills with a new challenge being introduced each week.

In Geography, we will be studying South America and looking at the human and physical features of the continent.

In design & technology we will be starting a project on healthy cooking! Through practical activities and research, we will be looking at what makes a nutritious meal and how we can prevent cross contamination when preparing food.

In Spanish, we will be learning how to answer the question 'Do you have a pet?' and what the possible responses to this could be.

In PE, we will be learning how to play dodgeball skilfully and safely, and also how to learn and perform an amazing dance!

For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website.

Upcoming Trips:

Greenwich Picturehouse visit:
Wednesday 18th November

PE Days: Thursdays

The children will need to be wearing trainers and comfortable clothes on this day please!

Christmas Show

We have been starting to learn songs and dances for the Christmas Show! Children have been given lyrics to learn (or have been given them already). Our show will be performed near the end of term – dates and times to follow! We'll send more details nearer the time, and ask for this again, but we will be asking for children to bring in a costume for the show in a named carrier bag: **dark-coloured bottoms and top, with Christmassy or Dolly Parton-inspired accessories**! Christmas/Dolly tops or bottoms are also welcomed if they want to go all out!

More show details to follow nearer the time.

All the best to you and your families,

The Year 5 Team