

Year 5 Spring 2: Curriculum Newsletter – Natural Resources and War Literature



This term Year 5 will be studying Sustainability and World War 1.

In Geography, we will be learning about natural resources. Our RE module this term is to study Judaism and how it is a living, world religion that is celebrated and practiced in a variety of different ways.

In Science, Year 5 will continue to study the properties of materials. This will involve focusing on 'irreversible changes', how we can separate materials and how we can select everyday materials to best suit a purpose or our needs in everyday life. We will also be conducting 'fair tests' and experiments with irreversible changes.

English:

We are studying the books- 'Private Peaceful' and 'One boy's war'. We are reviewing grammar features from last term such as effective use of parenthesis, and we will be up-levelling our vocabulary to make our writing even more interesting. We will also be reviewing how to correctly use colons and semi-colon.

In reading lessons, the children will be developing their decoding skills and how to effectively use evidence to support their answers to questions. We are learning how to use the 'Answer, prove, explain' method to answer questions.

Maths:

Pupils will begin the term consolidating their understanding of fractions and how to add, subtract and simplify them. We will then be moving on to inform their understanding of decimal place value. Our aim is to develop an awareness of how fractions, decimals and percentages are closely related.

Towards the end of the Spring term, Year 5 will increase their skill set with finding the area and perimeter of shapes and will apply their skills to estimate and compare values.

Finally, Year 5 will be studying data interpretation with charts and graphs and how to draw these accurately.

Ways to help at home:

- Listen to your child read each day. Every child takes home a reading book.
- Ask your child to interpret numbers with decimal points and percentages in day to day activities
- Practise finding number facts of numbers for division and multiplication
- Discuss with your children what facts they have learnt during their Science and Geography lessons
- Ask your child the spellings they are learning at school and practice these at home.

Other information:

- PE will take place on a Friday with Mr Stevens
- Homework and spellings will be set weekly online. This is accessed through the same platforms as online learning.