

Mandeville Primary School

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Kite's News

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Dear Parents,

Year 5 have had a busy and productive start to the year. The children are getting very excited about school journey in October. We have been working hard preparing for the fundraising fair, but we still need donations. Please send in some items that are in good condition that could be sold to raise money. We also have an exciting project lined up for after half term, keep an eye out for information about the CINEMA project!

First, some vital information for you:

- PE lessons are on Tuesday but PLEASE make sure your children have their PE kits in school everyday, including plimsolls or trainers. No earrings for PE please.
- Swimming for Y5 will swim until February half term. We leave school at 8.30am on the dot and children should be in school by 8.20am.
- Homework is given out on Wednesday and must be back in school the following Monday. Please encourage your child to take pride in their work and take responsibility for doing their own homework, with your help where necessary. Any homework not handed in will be completed during break times. This is in preparation for secondary school when homework will be much tougher!
- Spellings to be learned are given out on Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday. It is SO important that these are learned and practiced every day.
- Good attendance is VITAL, especially this year. Every day off is a day's less learning. There will be rewards for excellent attendance.
- Breakfast Club is open from 8am to 8.50am every day. A healthy breakfast makes a huge difference to your child's learning.

In the next few weeks...

In Literacy we will be learning about different kinds of fiction and writing stories using a variety of sentence types and focusing on punctuation.

My Literacy targets are:

The children will bring a copy of their targets home.

In maths we will be learning about place value, calculating using + - x and ÷, timetables, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and also solving problems.

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Over the next 10 weeks we will be studying a topic called: **HERE AND NOW, THERE AND THEN**. It is a theme based on comparing differences between the countries the children have heritage in. This will incorporate study in geography, history, PSHE, ICT, PE and RE.

In Geography we will be finding out:

- How to locate countries.
- How they are connected.
- What they are like.
- How they are similar and different.
- About current news in different countries.

In History we will be finding out:

- The history of our host and home countries.
- About history from people.
- About history from photos.
- About history from maps.
- About history from museums.
- About history from written sources.
- About history from buildings.

In ICT we'll be developing

- Research skills using the internet
- Word processing skills
- Using different ICT software to present information
- Using ICT to communicate- email.

In PSHE and RE we will be finding out :

- How society is concerned with living as members of a group.
- How Government works in different countries.
- Understanding responsibilities.
- Understanding how the behaviour of individuals effects others.
- Showing awareness of religious and cultural differences.

Miss Ellingham says...

This topic is particularly relevant to a lot of the children in Year 5 and to myself as well. Coming from Australia just a few years ago, I love to share the culture and heritage of my own home country. Many of the children have experiences from different countries and feel a special affection for that country. We will explore those feelings as well as the factual information about different countries. In doing this, we will be able to make a positive comparison with life in England.

It will be helpful and positive for you to compare any experiences of living in other countries with your children. Children love to hear stories from their own parent's childhood and how things are different. There will be homework projects where the children will be asking questions about your experiences.

Please feel welcome to come and have a look in our classroom whenever you like! If you have any free time and can help in the class we'd love to see you. I am always happy to answer any questions and help in any way!

Katie Ellingham