

The Teachers in Year 5 are: Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Kaur
The Teaching Assistant- Mrs Preston

Our Topic this Half Term is 'Sow, Grow and Farm'

In the Sow, Grow and Farm project, your child will learn about allotments in the United Kingdom and how the government encouraged people to have them to support food rationing during the Second World War. They will learn about food webs and animal life cycles, including how living things are dependent on one another within a habitat. They will investigate the different ways that plants reproduce and will dissect flowering plants to identify the different structures. They will have the opportunity to learn about farming in the United Kingdom and the techniques used in modern farming, including the challenges that farmers face. They will learn about the benefits of eating seasonally and about the pros and cons of importing food. They will also learn about world farming and how the different climate zones affect where different foods are grown.

In English, we will be writing a persuasive leaflet to Derby City Council. The children will also write a newspaper report and a diary entry based on the book – Farm Boy by Michael Morpurgo. We will practise the Y5/6 spelling lists; the spellings will be set via Sumdog each week, if you could work with your child on these, we would really appreciate your support.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

You can help at home by discussing the topics with your children. There are lots of climate and science-based internet sites to explore. Keep an eye on news programmes for the latest changes – the children will be interested in any current developing stories relating to our topic.

Maths

In Maths, we will be

- refreshing the children's skills in the column method for addition and subtraction,
- working on negative numbers,
- long and short multiplication and division
- and fractions too.

General Reminders:

PE: P.E is on a Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure earrings are taken out for these sessions. Children should come to school in their P.E kit (white top / black bottoms)

I-Pads: Your child must bring their school i-pad each day and ensure it has been charged at home.

Homework: Your child will be given homework on Purple Mash, Sumdog and Myon. This will be given weekly on a Friday and should be returned on a Thursday. If homework is not completed children will complete at playtime on a Friday.

Reading: Please read your child's reading book with them at least three times a week. Use MyOn to quiz and read at home too.

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day.

Healthy Snack: Children may bring a healthy snack every day for break, fruit or vegetables.

Useful Websites:

www.myon.org.uk

<https://www.purplemash.com/>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

www.sumdog.com

Summer Dates for your Diary:

Term begins – 8.1.24

Safer Internet Day – 6.2.24

Term ends – 15.2.24

Inset day – 16.2.24

Back to School – 26.2.24

Any other Information

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions about your child's learning.