



Welcome to Year 5

AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT TO EXPECT IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASS THIS YEAR

Our School Values

At **F**riars, individual wellbeing comes first.
We believe in **R**especting
and **I**ncluding everyone.
We **A**im high and show
Resilience in our learning.
Our aim is to **S**ucceed in everything we do!



The Year 5 Team

- ▶ Mrs. Axelson, Miss Barrick and Mrs. Witt
- ▶ Mrs. Shuttleworth and Mr. Latham
- ▶ Mrs. Pinckney and PE staff (SSCO)

Our topics this year

- ▶ Autumn – Ancient Egyptians where we look at the journey of the Nile, mummification and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Within science we explore properties and changes of materials and Earth and space.
- ▶ Spring 1 – Within the topic of 'The Environment' we cover the changes that have happened and ways we can support it further in the future. We will continue to develop the children's understanding of Earth and space in science.
- ▶ Spring 2 – The plague – This has proved an interesting topic for most. We delve into the past and explore how this tragic time in history spread across the world. Within our layered reading sessions we explore a fiction text based on this event. Through our science we explore the theme of forces.
- ▶ Summer – The Tudors. We look at important members of the Tudor dynasty and how this period has affected our lives today. The children's knowledge of animals including humans and living things and their habitats is developed within their science sessions.

Reading

- ▶ This is always a major school priority.
- ▶ Reading flows through all learning and underpins everything we cover.
- ▶ Within our layered reading sessions we cover the texts: Stormbreaker, Plague and The Boy Who Met a Whale
- ▶ Individual reading is covered by class teachers and LSA. We encourage you to hear your child read as much as possible. Discussion about the text is of importance.
- ▶ Comprehension lessons and skills are taught weekly and threaded through other lessons where appropriate.
- ▶ Additional intervention groups have begun where extra adults are available to support where needed.

Writing

- ▶ Writing continues to be an important focus in the school as it was the area most affected by lockdowns and the effects of the pandemic.
- ▶ Genres covered include a variety of fiction and non-fiction. The children are due to write a diary entry and newspaper report linked to their history knowledge of the find of Tutankhamun.
- ▶ Grammar is taught weekly and revisited throughout the week. We also cover a range of areas within our early morning work. Spelling is actively taught every day with a weekly spelling test on a Monday.
- ▶ Additional intervention groups have begun where extra adults are available to support where needed.

Maths

- ▶ Areas covered: number sense, additive reasoning, multiplicative reasoning, geometric reasoning. The children have demonstrated a great start with their place value and rounding knowledge so far this year.
- ▶ Problem solving is incorporated into lessons using White Rose Maths and other resources. Children are encouraged to find connections and patterns within a problem leading to finding their own solution.
- ▶ Times tables are actively taught every day and tested on a Friday. Practise at home is very much encouraged.
- ▶ Additional intervention groups have begun where extra adults are available to support where needed.
- ▶ At Friars we set for our maths lesson. Mrs. Pinckney is available to work with some children. Her aim is to stretch and challenge these learners identified.

RSE

- ▶ Relationships and Sex Education Is taught in the summer term. The learning is age appropriate and covers the changes that occur to the body during puberty. The puberty lesson is taught over an afternoon and boys and girls are split separately and are taught by male and female teachers.
- ▶ You will receive a letter about RSE before the sessions are taught. There will be a meeting beforehand to allow parents to view the material and ask any questions.
- ▶ If you have attended the parent meeting for an older sibling over the past few years, you will have already seen the content as it remains unchanged.

Year 5 Computing

- ▶ Our Computing lessons are on Monday afternoons taught by Mrs. Pinckney and supported with the class LSAs and technical support from Mr. Browning.
- ▶ This year computing lessons include not only the development of a particular skill but will also focus on keeping ourselves safe when using the internet and online apps with weekly starters, discussions or strategies being shared.
- ▶ Look at the newsletter weekly for top tips which have been discussed in lessons and links to useful websites for information.
- ▶ **Autumn 1**- Focus on computing systems and networks with a focus on sharing information with others.
- ▶ **Autumn 2** - Vector Drawing- Creating different pictures using different shapes, different tools, learning how to group, ungroup and evaluate our work.
- ▶ **Spring 1**- Physical Computing- Programming- Using a crumble controller to program different outcomes.
- ▶ **Spring 2** - Video editing- Use a digital device to record different video, plan videos, evaluate them and discuss the finished project.
- ▶ **Summer 1**- Data and Information- Databases, finding and comparing different types of databases. Learning how to search a database for different information in order to answer real world questions.
- ▶ **Summer 2**- Programming- Planning and creating a program using a particular design to create a quiz focusing on the process of 'selection'.

This year a class will be awarded "Computer Class of the Week!" and receive a trophy to display in their classroom for the week.

Homework

- ▶ The children have yellow homework books where maths homework and spellings will be stuck in each week. The spellings for this half term have been stuck in for children to practise every week.
- ▶ We will be using CGP English books to support their learning further at home.
- ▶ What to expect: Maths homework is based on what the children have been learning that week, 10 spellings per week, reading everyday and regular times tables practice
- ▶ Spellings are given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday.
- ▶ Maths and English homework given out on a Friday and due in the following Friday
- ▶ How can you support at home? Listen to your child read and discuss the text, look at weekly spelling patterns together and encourage your child to revise their times tables (TT Rockstars)

Educational Visits and Visitors

- ▶ We are visiting the Tower of London to enrich our summer topic of the Tudors and Year 5 can experience their first residential trip to Thriftwood which is based in Brentwood.
 - ▶ These trips are both planned for the summer term. The dates for Thriftwood are Wednesday 12th June to Friday 14th June.
 - ▶ Thriftwood £130
 - ▶ Tower of London approx. £10 TBC
 - ▶ More information to follow...
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- ▶ Throughout the year we enjoy a variety of visits from RE and PSHE visitors.



Assemblies

- ▶ Take place everyday in the morning except Thursday where we explore layered reading
- ▶ A member of the Senior Leadership team deliver the assembly on school values on a Monday.
- ▶ Moral stories and religious festivals are discussed and explored on Tuesdays
- ▶ Singing assembly tends to happen on a Wednesday where children enjoying singing traditional hymns and fun school songs.
- ▶ Celebration assembly takes place every Friday – Please check the website for photos and a report. This is a lovely end to the week.

Uniform and Equipment

- ▶ Black or grey trousers or shorts
- ▶ Summer dress, pinafore or black or grey school skirt
- ▶ White or purple short-sleeved polo shirt
- ▶ Purple cardigan, jumper or gilet
- ▶ Black or white socks or black tights
- ▶ Smart, plain black footwear with no logos
- ▶ Clean, Brushed hair – tied back longer hair
- ▶ No bracelets, necklaces or rings worn
- ▶ Book bag
- ▶ Water bottle
- ▶ Hat



All property must be clearly labelled

PE

- ▶ Our PE day is Monday
- ▶ Children can wear PE kit to school on this day
- ▶ The correct PE kit includes; black shorts, purple/white round-necked t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers
- ▶ Tracksuits may be worn during colder months
- ▶ Following Local Authority health and safety advice - No earrings are allowed to be worn and we are no longer allowed to tape
- ▶ Additional PE lesson during the week which does not require kit is on a Wednesday. Children have enjoyed their tennis sessions on the playground so far.



Outdoor Learning

- ▶ These sessions are in the afternoons of one week every term
- ▶ The children have fun working with Mr. Brady
- ▶ Children can wear old clothes to school for this week
- ▶ The outdoor learning happens whatever the weather, so please ensure children have a waterproof jacket
- ▶ Dates...

Week commencing 4th December = 5A

Week commencing 11th December = 5BW



Swimming

- ▶ Swimming has already started this half-term for 5BW. 5A start after the half-term holiday.
- ▶ Swimming is a National Curriculum subject and children must swim.
- ▶ Assessment to swim at least 25 metres by end of Year 6.
- ▶ Travel by minibus
- ▶ Hamstel School pool
- ▶ Qualified swimming coach
- ▶ Teach how to be safe in and around water
- ▶ Subsidised by school but we do ask for a contribution towards travel. If you haven't already made your contribution please do so on ParentPay.

Welcoming you into school

- ▶ Autumn 2: Learning Conversation Evenings - Wednesday 15th/Thursday 16th November
- ▶ Spring 1: Book Look – an opportunity for you to visit your child’s classroom and enjoy seeing and reading their work (Date TBC)
- ▶ Spring 2: Learning Conversation Evenings - Wednesday 20th March/Thursday 21st March
- ▶ Summer 1: Open Evening (Date TBC)

- ▶ Plus our usual events such as Winter Wonderland – Sports Days – Family Picnic throughout the year

Keeping in touch

- ▶ Most information can be found on our weekly newsletter as we are mindful about sending out too many letters and emails.
- ▶ Specific events may also have a more detailed letter
- ▶ All letters and messages sent via Parent Pay – very important to have access to this website
- ▶ School Website also contains lots of essential information
- ▶ You can get in touch directly with us at year5@fps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk (checked everyday but please bear in mind we are teaching)



Questions

