

Year 5 Learning Letter

Spring 1



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Dates for your diary

- World Hijab Day - Thursday 1st February
- Children's Mental Health Week - Monday 5th - Friday 11th February
- Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6th February
- Spring Disco and Last Day of Term - Friday 9th February
- Half term - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February.
- Start of Spring 2 - Monday 19th February

Routines

Outdoor PE - Wednesday

Indoor PE - Tuesday (5T) or Thursday (5E)

Home Learning

Maths: Set Friday - due Wednesday

English: Set every Friday - due Friday two weeks later (set every week)

Spelling: Learnt for one week in school, sent home Monday of week 2, test at end of week 2 (Friday)

Our Learning Journey

Geography: Natural disasters

This half-term, we will be learning about Natural Disasters, specifically Earthquakes and Volcanos. We will be delving deep into earthquakes and learning about tectonic plates and the causes of earthquakes. As geographers, we will also look at why the most powerful earthquakes in the world do not necessarily cause the most deaths and destruction.

Outdoor Learning

This year, we will be having our Forest School sessions at Peckham Rye. Please ensure that your child has suitable, weather appropriate clothing and footwear on the following date:

Thursday 1st February

On this date, we will be looking for parent volunteers. Please email the Year 5 teachers if you are available.

PE Day

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit: white polo shirt; black/navy jogging bottoms, and trainers. Please send children to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

English

Reading

We will continue to follow the whole class model of teaching reading, beginning with our new novel 'Wolfstongue' by Sam Thompson, who will also be speaking to both classes via Zoom at the end of the term. We will also be reading non-fiction texts linked to our curriculum including a non-fiction reports on Pompei and Chila Kumari Singh Burman, an artist we will be taking inspiration from.

We would, as always, encourage you to read with your child on a regular basis.

Class Novels: 5E - Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell. 5T - The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell.

Writing

Our current topic is a mystery fiction unit based around 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie. By the end of the topic, the children will be able to use a range of sentence structures and literary devices to capture the readers' attention and imagination.

Writing Journals

In Year 5, the children have been given Writing Journals' to use over the coming term to boost 'writing for pleasure'. Inside the journal are lots of ideas and types of writing children could complete if they so wish. This writing is optional. Their writing home learning tasks should now be completed in these books.

Maths

Our maths learning this half term includes:

Short multiplication and short division;

Area and scaling

Science

This term, the children will be learning about 'Separating Mixtures.' During this unit, we will deepen our understanding of solids, liquids and gases by exploring ways in which mixtures can be separated and by planning investigations.

Other Curriculum Areas

Art - <https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/teaching-learning/art/>

PSHE - <https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/teaching-learning/values-and-pshe/>

Computing - <https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/teaching-learning/computing-and-it/>

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