



### Dates for your diary

#### Summer 1

Monday 22nd April - Stephen Lawrence Day

Monday 6th May - Early Bank Holiday

WB 6th May - Deaf Awareness Week

WB 13th May - Mental Health Awareness Week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Pond Investigation workshop at the Horniman

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Shang Dynasty workshop in school

WB 20th May - Walk to School Week

Thursday 23rd May - An International Evening to Celebrate Who We Are - 4pm-6.30pm

Friday 24th May - End of half-term

#### Summer 2

Tuesday 4th June - Children return to school

### 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

#### History - Ancient China

This half-term we will travel back in time to explore Ancient China. We will be focusing on the Shang dynasty and how a pile of dragon bones helped to teach us about the past.

#### Outdoor Learning

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

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

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

This half term, we will be reading a range of non-fiction texts linked to our history topic of China, narrative poems and verse novels.

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

Class Novels: 5E - Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell.  
5T - Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer by Jeffrey Boakye

#### Writing

Our current topic is focusing on narrative poems. By the end of the topic, the children will be able to write their own poems using a range of poetic devices. We look forward to sharing our poems with the community.

#### 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 also be completed in these books.

### Maths

Our maths learning this half term includes:

- Factors, multiples and prime numbers (including square and cube numbers; use of factors to calculate; prime numbers; common multiples and prime numbers).
- Fractions (including converting between improper and proper fractions, multiplying fractions, fractions of quantities, finding equivalent fractions and comparing fractions).

### Science

Our new Science topic is Forces.

The children will explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. They will also identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces.

### Other Curriculum Areas

DT - <https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/teaching-learning/design-technology/>

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

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

### The YEAR 5 TEAM