



Year Five

Parent Newsletter Spring 2016

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A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after Christmas!
We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready to learn.
Here is what we will be learning:



Subject	Learning Challenge—The USA What's so special about the USA?
History	<u>As historians</u> we will be learning about the history of the USA. We will learn about early civilisation and looking at key explorers such as Christopher Columbus. We will be looking at other important figures such as presidents and inventors.
Geography	<u>As Geographers</u> we will be comparing the USA to other countries that we know, and looking at both physical and human features of the area. We will be studying the importance of the Mississippi River on the surrounding area.
Art and Design	<u>As artists</u> we will be studying artwork by artists such as Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein and creating our own pop art style pieces based on popular culture. We will be continuing to use different materials such as oil pastels and sketching pencils.
P.E. 	P.E. sessions will still be on Tuesday and Wednesday (Peacock Class) and Tuesday and Thursday (Heron Class). You will need your kit in school. If you have long hair you will need a bobble to tie it back, if you wear earrings you will need to take them out. In the winter we will still be outside if it's dry and you are welcome to bring jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers to help keep you warm. If, for any reason, you are poorly or unable to do PE you will need a note from home before you are excused.
PSHE 	During this half term our sessions will be based around 'Going for Goals'. The theme offers the chance for us to plan and set realistic goals for ourselves, tying in with the idea of New Year's resolutions. We will focus on key value of resilience which will help us to work towards our goals. We will also be looking at how we can help others to achieve their goals, reflecting on previous PSHE sessions on getting along with others.

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Literacy 	We will be developing our reading and writing skills throughout the half term by looking at different genres. We will start by reading and comparing features of different myths, legends and fables, and will use the skills that we have learnt to write our own legend.
Mathematics 	Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the national expectations for children in Year Five.
Science 	<p><u>As scientists</u> we will be studying Earth and space, looking at the wider world around us. We will develop our scientific enquiry skills by asking ourselves questions about space and undertaking research to find the answers.</p> <p>We will be starting our unit looking at Tim Peake's recent achievements, and the importance of the International Space Station. We will be looking at the positioning and movement of the Earth, moon, planets and sun.</p>
ICT 	<p><u>As information communication technologists</u> we will learn about the effectiveness of different PowerPoint presentations and look at various features which contribute to a successful presentation. We will be creating our own presentations linking to our topic work on the USA and space.</p>
RE	<p><u>As Theologians</u> we will be continuing to look at inspirational people and what makes them a successful leader. We will then be investigating the question: 'What can be learnt from the Jewish way of life?'</p> <p>We will be studying and comparing Christianity and Judaism.</p>
French 	In French this half term, we will be learning to ask for and give simple directions to places around town.

Please see over for information about homework and general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we work together to ensure your child's success.

Homework

Each week the children are required to complete homework. This includes reading with your child. Homework might also include questions to investigate as well as more traditional pieces such as spellings or times tables. Ideas for additional games you could play with your child are included in the 'Fluency' leaflet.

Monday	15 minutes reading	Please make sure you know your times tables! Project tasks, when applicable.
Tuesday	15 minutes reading	
Wednesday	15 minutes reading	
Thursday	15 minutes reading	
Friday	15 minutes reading	Spellings—for following Friday Maths and English given Friday to be returned following Wednesday



Reading

Your reading book must be in school every day. You are expected to change your book regularly. Please ask the people you read to at home to initial your Reading Record after you have read because it will be checked. You should write the title, author, start and completion date and comment in your Reading Record – not the people at home who look after you!

Parents Maths Workshops

Tuesday 26th January

Extra Curricular

Clubs will be available – details to be announced. Regular newsletters will be sent with important dates.

Uniform

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn – details can be seen on our website under 'Information—School Uniform and Dress Code'.

Attendance

Every lesson counts – please allow your child to develop by attending school each day.

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the term.

The Year Five Brooklands Team