

Welcome to Year 5

Autumn Term Newsletter 2019



The year 5 team includes Mrs Schultz, as the class teacher, along with Mrs Cagney and Mrs Marshall as teaching assistants to support the learning and lead our focus groups.

Welcome back after the summer break. We are excited to be starting the year 5 curriculum, which includes learning about Earth and Beyond in science. We will be linking various areas of the curriculum to this, including 3D art and English, where will be looking at the genre of Science -Fiction .



We are studying the Anglo-Saxons in history and we have an experiential school trip linked to this, when we will become Anglo-Saxons for the day.



English - During the year, we focus heavily on the children being able to demonstrate their comprehension skills. This is not only useful for their final years here at Bilton, but is a lifelong skill that they will benefit from as they head towards senior school studies. We also have many new Grammar terms to learn and through use of daily 'Word Warm-ups' and discreet Grammar lessons, the children gradually become conversant and comfortable using many of them. They each have a bookmark with 3 targets on to help them to constantly move their learning forward.

Maths - We have a strong focus on mental maths agility in year 5 and using games and challenges we help the children to become faster at mental calculations to help in all areas of maths. We suggest that they still practise their times-tables at home as this skill is useful in most areas of maths. We encourage the children to be honest mathematicians and let us know if they don't fully grasp a concept, then we can work with them and consolidate before we move on. We don't want to leave any 'gaps' in their learning! We begin the term by reviewing place value and all of the four main operations.

We have a very busy year ahead and look forward to helping each child progress to reach their full potential.

We are excited to be learning Spanish again with Mrs Hairsine . We have a very exciting school focus this term, on Spain during a special themed week. Each class has a different art project linked to Spain and the week will culminate in an evening exhibition for families to attend.



In year 5, we are privileged to have the chance to brass instruments with Mr Wadsworth. This is part of the 'Wider Opportunities' scheme and gives the children the chance to learn the basics of reading music, keeping a steady rhythm and play either the trombone or the trumpet. We hope all of year 5 enjoy this opportunity.



Other Things To Remember!

P.E. Days – We enjoy First Steps delivering some of our P.E. lessons and Yr 5 need a white T-shirt and blue shorts and an outdoor kit including trainers, each **Wednesday** please. We advise that kits are brought in to school on a Monday and left until Friday, as this means that if we have the chance to take advantage of the last few fine Autumn days, the children will have what they need for any extra outdoor sessions that we may have.

Outdoor and Indoor shoes ~ To ensure that we look after our school, please can each child have black sandshoes to change into during lesson time?



The **Homework** set in year 5, will be maths, spellings and guided reading. The children can do the homework during break times if they are not able to do it at home. The children who embrace the homework, are giving themselves a really good start for next year, as we try to consolidate the classroom learning in the given tasks. We will continue to learn spellings and x tables and we encourage children to practise at home, whenever possible.

The year 5 team look forward to working alongside you to support each child on their year 5 journey.