

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Summer Term 1



The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

Class 8



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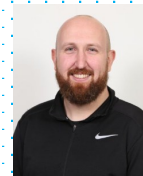
Mrs Tillotson

Class 9



Miss Chambers

Class 10



Mr Kershaw



Mr Adamson

English

This term, we will be using the historical topic of the 'Early Islamic Civilisation' to inspire our writing. This half-term we will look closely at the ancient city of Baghdad by writing a non-chronological report to explore its importance and wealth of culture. Then, we will compose a traditional narrative using our text 'Early Islamic Empires' to deepen our understanding of this fascinating time period.

Maths

Year 5 will be learning about shape, position and direction and statistics. The improving weather will give plenty of opportunities to take our learning outside to support the children's learning. In Year 6, we will be consolidating our learning of our maths topic so far this year. Then, using a range of fun and practical activities the children will learn about algebra, ratio, proportion and shape.

Forest School

In Forest School this half term, pupils will put their construction skills to good use, making scale models of the ancient city of Baghdad. They will also try their hand at some Ancient Islamic inspired recipes, by creating their own stew, using their fire building and culinary skills together.

History/Geography

In history, pupils will investigate Early Islamic Civilisation. This will include putting this time period into historical context. Also, we will learn about key individuals such as Caliph 'Abbas, Al-Khawarizmi and Haroun al-Rashid.

Within geography, children will incorporate learning about the Silk Road to consider trade which played a part in the role facilitating economic, cultural, political and religious interactions between the east and west.

Science/French/Computing/RE

In Science, we will be investigating living things and their habitats. We will describe life cycles and consider the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

In French, children will begin our topic of 'This is France' by applying their knowledge of gender to describe the geographic position of France and a variety of French cities.

In computing, pupils will be learning about data handling. They will be able to select, use and combine a variety of digital programmes and data building towards the goal of using Excel.

In RE, pupils will deepen their understanding about Islam and make connections between values and beliefs shared between different faiths.

Homework

All pupils should be reading three times a week at home with an adult.

Please continue to encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed regularly at home.

There is also an optional homework which can be viewed on the website.

PE

We are very fortunate this half-term to welcome a tennis coach. As part of our athletics unit, children will learn key skills like running, jumping, throwing and catching.

Pupils should attend school wearing their PE kits on the designated days—these are a Week 1 (Thursday) and a Week 2 (Tuesday and Friday). Please visit the school website to see the PE uniform requirements.

Dates for your Diary

25th April —Year 5 ONLY—Trip to Tinshill Free Church

12th May —Beginning of SATs week

16th May—Wizard of Oz production

Friday 23rd May—Training Day—School closed