



Year 5 Newsletter

Term 1

Mrs Champness Lions Class 2024-25

Curriculum

This term, our key question is:

What are your three gifts?

This term our question will bring together many aspects of the curriculum and relate to our school-wide focus **INDIVIDUALITY**.

Our English centres around an adventure narrative set in China, in history we find out about the Shang Dynasty and we will be learning about rivers within Geography (physical attributes and their impact).

This term our class text is *'The Firework Maker's Daughter'* by Philip Pullman. This is a fantasy adventure story of a determined girl called Lila, who with the help of her friend, Chulak, and an elephant, Hamlet, proves to her father that she is far more capable than he ever expected! We will continue to use our Whole Class Reading sessions to explore and analyse the text in detail and use this to feed into our learning in Writing sessions to produce a class version. Handwriting and grammar will be a focus each day.

PSHE centres around rights and responsibilities this term. In DT we will be exploring structures and bridges linked with science; materials and their properties. Plus, art skills will be practiced in sketchbooks and we shall explore maps/typography connecting it to our creative writing. In Music we shall be selecting Rock or Jazz music (class choice); Paper Databases verses computer ones shall be compared in Computing lessons; we recap what we know about Spain first in Spanish; and in RE we will find out about the three main forms of the Brahman.

Key dates for your diary

23rd September - Meet the Teacher opportunity

18th October - Last day of term

P.E./Games

SCHOOL PE KITS should be worn into school on the days that we have PE. Earrings must be removed for all P.E and games lessons. Remember a hat, a water bottle, and put on suncream (if needed) before school.

P.E. days for Year 5 are:

Indoor PE - **Tuesdays Gymnastics**

Outdoor PE - **Thursdays Basketball**

Home Learning

Spellings

Spelling sessions are taught throughout the week. Suggestions of how to support practice will be shared in class and an activity provided to practice at home. Logon to EdShed to complete the assignments.

Maths

Personalised Maths challenges will be set weekly on Sumdog. We are starting with place value revision.

Reading

Please read daily and record this in your Reading Record. Children receive house points for reading at home with an adult.

Tea Time Talks

3 questions will be sent home weekly for you to discuss together. They will be based on the week's learning.