



Year Five Newsletter Spring, 2024



Welcome

Hello everyone and a big welcome to the new spring term in 2024!

Website Reminder

To keep you up to date with useful and helpful information regarding dates and activities, as well as with your child's learning, achievements and progress, we will be continually updating our website throughout the term. To access this information, make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at: www.olderprimaryacademy.co.uk then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 5.

Social Media Reminder

We are now using our school media accounts more frequently, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) and Twitter (@OldCleePA), to see what the children have been up to!



Learning

This coming term, Year 5 will be learning about lots of exciting things. In our literacy lessons, our class books will be 'Inside the Villains' by Clotilde Perrin (fiction); 'I am Cat' by Jackie Morris (poetry); 'A Wizard of Earthsea' by Ursula Le Guin (fiction); and 'Volcanoes' by Izzi Howell (non-fiction). Maths will see us take a tour of formal written methods, fractions/ decimals/ percentages and measurements. In our Geography lessons we will be revisiting South America and The Water Cycle with different learning focuses as well as conducting fieldwork recording cloud formations! History will see us going on an exciting trip to Gainsborough Old Hall to immerse ourselves in Tudor life (see dates below), whilst in our DT time we will be designing, making and evaluating kites. Art will see us studying the classic French sculptor Auguste Rodin and during Science we shall be learning all about life cycles and life processes, solids, liquids and gases, aspects of our solar system and the effects of air and water resistance and friction.



Homework, Spelling, Times tables and KIRFS

Your child will continue to be given a spelling list to learn each week. Please support your child and help them to learn these words so that they can use them in their writing (putting them into sentences is a great way). Every two weeks, your child will also be given- and expected to learn- a set of Maths KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) which they will be tested on fortnightly (every other Friday).

We will also continue to develop children's times tables knowledge through Rockstars. Times tables knowledge and recall is vital as it assists practically all areas of maths. Each week the children will have a specific times table area to learn which we will also work on in class, so please encourage them to practise these at home. New spellings and times tables will be given out each week on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Thank you for your continued support with this - we know how busy home life can be!

P.E.

Year 5 will continue to have their PE on Thursdays for all classes. As the warmer weather arrives, we will endeavour to be outside more and more, so please ensure your child is prepared for the changeable British weather! Jewellery will also need to be removed prior to the session for health and safety reasons – this cannot be done by a member of staff or another child in the class, so please manage this at home, thank you.

Dates for your Diary

PE days: Thursdays

Each Friday: Spelling and Tables testing (**Homework handed in Thursdays**)

Wednesday 13th March: Gainsborough Old Hall Trip (more information to follow in the New Year)

Kindest of regards,

The Year Five Teaching Team