



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 5 Newsletter - Term 2

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The **BIG** question...

What Makes Me Unique?

Welcome

The Year 5 team are delighted with the way the children have settled back into school and begun to work towards the high standards expected in Year 5.

It was a pleasure to take them on our first school trip last term and we look forward to many more exciting learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom over the next term.

English

This term in English we are going to be working on our persuasive writing skills by creating an advert for training to be an astronaut. In addition to this, we will be writing narratives for a film clip and we will also be continuing to focus on developing our deeper inference skills within reading.

Maths

In maths, we are working on understanding and creating line graphs and other types of graphs and tables, including bus and train timetables. Please take any opportunities to talk about these with your children. We will also explore multiplying and dividing which is an important skill in year 5 and so the children will need to practice their times tables regularly.

Science

In term 2, our science learning is based around Earth and Space, which will look at the distances and movement of the planets within our solar system. We will also be learning about how the rotation of the Earth is related to time and why the Sun appears to move across the sky. We will be having a astro roadshow in school as a part of this.

Geography

This term in geography, we will be focussing on geographical skills and field work. As a part of this we will be working on our map reading skills, exploring the lines of longitude and latitude and time zones around the world. We will then be exploring our local area using our map reading skills.

Religious Education

Our work this term will be focused around the question - Can we live by the values of Jesus in the twenty-first century? We will begin by looking at the values we live by in the twenty-first century and comparing them with the teachings of Jesus.

Physical Education

In P.E this term, Year 5 will be looking at gymnastics and tag rugby. In gymnastics, the children will be looking at counter balances and creating routines. In tag rugby, we will be looking at attacking and defending techniques.

Computing

In computing for term 2, we are linking our learning with our science learning on Earth and Space. We will be exploring data handling across vast distances by looking at binary codes and how the Mars Rover mission received and sent out data through space.

Music

In music, the learning is focused around one song: Livin' On A Prayer by Bon Jovi. The material presents an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other classic rock songs.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

Our Jigsaw learning in Term 2 will have the theme of 'Celebrating Differences' We will celebrate cultural differences and respect for other cultures whilst challenging issues such as racism and bullying. The children will be encouraged to explore what makes each and every one of us unique and how that should be respected and appreciated as part of our rich and diverse school community and beyond.



Art

In art this term, 5P are learning about The Impressionist art movement, the effects of light and the artists different techniques. We will be studying Monet, Seurat and Cezanne paintings in great depth and then re-creating our own versions of these masterpieces using a variety of different paint and we will use our knowledge of colour theory to mix hues and use white to create the effect of light.

5A will be studying colour theory. They will learn how to use contrasting, analogous and monochromatic colours and use a variety of media such as paint, oil pastels, coloured paper and even fabric! Art works will be planned in their sketchbooks. Artist study include Matisse and Jim Dine.

Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)

- Cultural differences and anti-prejudice
- Space technology and events
- Daily news events
- Remembrance Day
- Universal Children's day (20th November)

Recommended Reading for this term

- Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Encyclopedia of Space by Dorling Kindersley
- Rise Up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories by Amanda Li
- Survivors by David Long and Kerry Hyndman
- Break the Mould by Sinead Burke

These books are on order and will be available to borrow shortly from your child's classroom library.



Reminders and Important Dates

- [South Borough Primary School Dates Ahead 2021-2022 \(Version 1\)](#)

Home Learning

