



Year 5 Summer 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to the final term of Year 5! This year is flying by!

As the summer term starts, we are hoping that the sunshine will be here to stay! Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them in school every day. We also recommend on particularly hot days sending your child in with a sun hat and some sun cream.

We have a very busy term coming up including our residential trip to Crabbe! In the next few weeks, we will be sending out more information about this trip

Topic

This half term, we will be studying a topic called '**A Child's War**'. This is a unit that looks at World War Two in Britain and Europe as well as the wider world context. Throughout this unit we will be developing the students' history, geography and Design and Technology skills in a cross-curricular way.

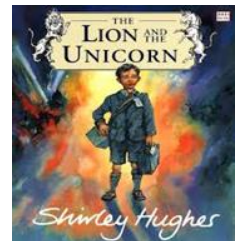
By the end of the unit, the children will know the countries involved in WW2 and will have compared different experiences during WW2 in the UK, through the eyes of an evacuee.

English

This half term we have two World War Two books to study in our English lessons: 'The Lion and the Unicorn' and 'Friend or Foe'.

As our final write for The Lion and the Unicorn, we will be writing a flashback narrative as a grandparent telling their grandchild about the Blitz. We will be focusing on rich vocabulary and vivid description.

Friend or Foe is our Guided Reading text, and we will be using it in writing to help us write a story about life as an evacuee.



Maths

In Maths this term we will continue to look at decimals. We will be learning to order and compare decimals. We will be learning to convert fractions to decimals and vice versa. We will also be learning about percentages. We will then move on to a unit learning all about angles. We will be learning the names of different angles as well as learning to use a protractor to measure angles.

PE

Year 5 P.E. days are on Monday and Friday.

This half term the children are going to be taught by specialists in both their PE lessons. On a Monday the children will have cricket lessons with the sports development officer and on a Friday, the children will be taught Gaelic football with specialists and Mr. Scur.

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Within this unit, pupils will find out about the story of the Exodus, sequencing key events and considering different interpretations. Pupils will make clear connections between Bible texts studied and what Christians believe about how God can help during difficult times and how they should behave. They will explain ways in which some Christians put their beliefs into practice by trying to bring freedom to others.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Education)

This half term we will be learning about 'Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing'. This will include looking at healthy sleep habits, sun safety, medicines, vaccinations, immunisations. We will then move onto a unit looking at 'Growing and changing and Personal identity'. The children will be recognising their individuality and their different qualities.

Music

In music this half term we will be continuing to focus on our songs for Make Do and Mend.

CATS Tests

At the end of June, the children will be completing their CATS tests. For the last few years, the CATS tests have been completed at the beginning of Year 6. The Education Department have decided from this year to move the CATS tests to the end of Year 5.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is an assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. It assesses how students think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning.

CAT4 is designed to give schools a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. Results help teachers decide about the pace of learning that is right for a student and whether additional support or challenge is needed.

Tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal Reasoning), words (Verbal Reasoning), numbers (Quantitative Reasoning) and some questions are answered by mentally generating and transforming visual images (Spatial Ability).

CAT4 is based on years of research and development. The current edition took five years to develop and involves 25,000 students across the UK. It is a well-known assessment in schools; teachers value its ability to provide an understanding of what a child is capable of rather than defining them by their understanding of a body of knowledge in particular subjects.

For more information, please visit [Information for parents - GL Support](#)

Please note, these assessments do not need any preparation. They are completed online over the course of three days (45 mins per day). We will send you out a report once the tests are completed with your child results.

Any questions or concerns, please do ask.

Useful Websites

Maths - <https://nrich.maths.org/> <https://auth.completemaths.com/login?fromProduct=tutor>

Spelling - <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/index.html>

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Monday. Spelling tests will continue to be on a Monday. Please, please can you support your child to read for at least twenty minutes a day as this will have a huge, positive impact on their reading skills.

Diary Dates:

Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday (children not in school).
Tuesday 6 th May pm	Liberation Picnic
Wednesday 7 th May	Make Do and Mend performance at The Art Centre
Thursday 8 th May	Make Do and Mend performance at The Art Centre
Friday 9 th May	Liberation Day (children not in school).
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Half Term.
Monday June 9 th - Wednesday June 11 th	Year 5A at Crabbe
Wednesday June 11 th - Friday June 13 th	Year 5B at Crabbe
Week beginning June 23 rd	Year 5 CATS tests
Tuesday 1 st July	Swim Safe at St Brelade's beach - details to be confirmed.
Wednesday 2 nd July - Thursday 17 th July	Bikeability Level 2 for those children who passed Level 1.
Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th July	Transition Days
Tuesday 8 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 10 th July	Year 5 Safety in Action
Friday 11 th July	Celebrating Learning Afternoon
Friday 18 th July	End of Term

Thank you for your continued support.

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