

Year 5 Curriculum Information

Term 2

Welcome back for a new and very busy term!

Below are our class email addresses, should you need to contact us. Alternatively, a message can be passed on at the Year 5 door on arrival to school in the mornings.

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Term 2 Topic – Ropes and Railways

This term, we have a local history topic in which we learn about Hailsham.



We will be getting the children's enthusiasm going with our trip, which is at the end of the second week back on **Friday 10th November**.



During the topic, we will be finding out about the history of Hailsham Pavilion and the Cuckoo Trail, as well as how our market town has changed over the years and the reasons why.

Other areas of study are detailed below.

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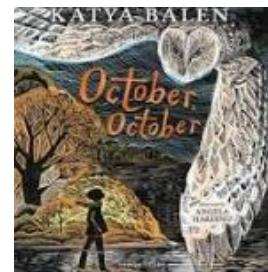
Reading

Our reading this term will be 'October, October' by Katya Balen.

We will also be looking at many photographs and reading about how Hailsham has changed.



We have a class book for each term, which is used for story-time at the end of the day. We will be completing 'The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh' and will be reading some poems by Spike Milligan.



English

Much of our written work will be topic-based. Pupils will be writing an information page about the history of Hailsham Pavilion and will be finding out about the Hailsham Crest. For our work using 'October, October', our longer pieces of work will include writing a diary entry, a persuasive text and journal writing. Children will continue to learn spelling, grammar and punctuation skills required by the Year 5 curriculum.

Maths

Our focus this term in maths will be multiplication and division. Here, we focus on multiples, factors, square numbers, prime numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We will then move on to the first part of our learning this year on fractions.



It is essential that children continue learning times tables so that they can carry out more complex calculations in Year 5 and Year 6 efficiently. We have regular tournaments between the three classes. Please encourage your child to take part in these. The first will take place during weeks 2 and 3 (Monday 6th November – Friday 17th November) and the second will be Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December.

Science

In Science this term, we will be studying forces in relation to levers, pulleys and gears.



Geography

In Geography, we will be finding out about Ordnance Survey maps and symbols. We will be using the points of the compass for directions and we will be looking at the geography of the British Isles and the UK.

Art

We will be studying collage and will be using the work of local artist Jane Robbins as a focus.



Computing

The focus of Computing in Term 2 will be programming. Children will be producing some digital art. In addition, the children will be having discrete online safety lessons in class. This term they will learning about how to get help online.

RE

Children will be finding out about why some people believe in God and why others don't. They will find out about the significance of Advent.

Growth Mindset

Our learning power this term is 'Co-operation'.



Honey Bee

I can work effectively with other people.

I can listen to other people's opinions respectfully.

I can use my own strengths and the strengths of others in our learning.

PPA and Forest School

Our PPA day is Thursday and our farm sessions have now finished until Term 4.

For Term 2, 5WA will be spending half the afternoon at Forest School and the other half learning about online safety. Please wear appropriate clothing for Forest School on a Thursday and bring wellies separate in a named bag. Please ensure your child has a coat.

5MF and 5LP will be splitting their afternoon between music and dance. Children in these classes should wear PE kit on a Thursday.

PE

Children will be improving their skills in gymnastics. Pupils should come into school on their PE day wearing their PE kit. Please ensure that this complies with our PE uniform policy. No jewellery should be worn on these days:

5LP – Monday

5MF – Monday

5WA – Tuesday



Reminders



Please ensure that your child has a water bottle and a coat in school every day and that all their clothing is named.

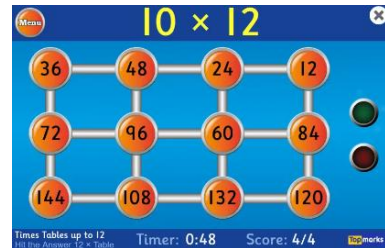
Homework

All homework is set on Google Classroom and children have their login details. Thank you for your patience with the technical issues we have had with Google Classroom – this is now resolved.

Maths: Children have a Times Tables Rockstars login and should access times tables and division activities.

Times tables are still an important focus in Year 5, due to the more complex calculation strategies that children are exposed to. 'Hit the Button' is also a fun game to learn times tables and the associated

divisions, number bonds, doubles and halves and square numbers. Children will be tested fortnightly on their times tables, alternating with 99 Club.



English: Children are expected to read every night for approximately 20-30 minutes. This will enable them to build up reading stamina. In addition to their own reading for pleasure, children have access to Bedrock, a platform for digital learning and literacy curriculum, which supports the learning of vocabulary and their comprehension skills. Children also have access to our Essential Reads.

The children will be given weekly spellings which will need to be practised at home. Some of these are from the National Curriculum list of statutory words. Others practise spelling patterns we are learning at Year 5. Children will be tested on a Friday. A list of this term's spellings will be accessible on Google Classroom.

At times, we may set children a task to support their writing skills at home. Google Classroom will be used in this case.

Topic: A topic task will be set each term on Google Classroom. This will be an opportunity for children to show off their creative skills and to contribute to class and year group displays. The children are given several weeks to complete this homework and it should be handed in before the last week of term. For Term 2, we would like children to recreate October's den in the woods from their knowledge of our story. This could be a model, a scene in a shoebox, or you could create your own real den in the woods or your garden and send in a photograph to the class email.

