



Healey Foundation Primary School

Y5 - Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to Year 5! Here are our topics for this term.

Literacy

We will be using Ancient Greek myths as a stimulus for much of our writing this term. This will link with our History topic. There will be an emphasis on using a range of punctuation and sentence types within all pieces of writing. Each Monday the children will receive a spelling list and a piece of spelling homework. The children will have a spelling test the following Monday. Please encourage your child to learn them. It is essential that your child reads regularly at home as this will have a huge impact on the quality of their writing and their overall comprehension skills. Research shows that children who read regularly at home are more likely to achieve success and have a better quality of life as an adult.

Numeracy

Y5 will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction for the majority of the term. We will be working with numbers up to 7 digits long and learning how to partition and read pictorial representations of numbers. The children will have a login to Mathletics website where they can practise the skills they have been learning in class at home.

PE is on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. The children will need their PE kit on both these days. The PE kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers.

Geography/History

Throughout the year we will alternate each half term between Geography and History. This half term we will be studying the Ancient Greeks. In **Art** we will be creating a range of Ancient Greek art using a variety of media.

Science The children will study Forces with Mrs Hibbins.

Other information

Pupils have usernames and passwords in their reading record books for various websites which school subscribes to. These will help consolidate the learning we do in class. **Mathletics** has tasks which I will set and other games that the children can play. Mathletics also has an App if you find that more convenient. Times Tables Rockstars (**TTRockstars**) is a great way to practise times tables. The children will speed up massively with their times tables if they go on this regularly at home. It will help with the work we do in Year 5 in Maths if they know their times tables inside out! **Purple Mash** is a website we use in class specifically to help with our computing lessons and **Rising Stars** has comprehension quizzes and online books which we will use in class.

The children will be expected to become more independent in Y5 and take responsibility for their home reading books. When they have completed a book they may change it. When we feel they are ready to move up a reading band or move onto 'free' reading books we will inform the pupil. This will be based on our assessments in class which check on the child's ability to understand and answer questions based on aspects of the text. If your child wishes to read a book they have at home that is fine. I will be checking reading record books each week to ensure children are definitely reading at home!