Weaverham Forest Primary School
Class Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome back to Autumn 2. I hope you had an enjoyable half term break and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead. We have lots of exciting learning planned this term and look forward to building on the strong start the children have already made in Year 5. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss McClellan

English

This term, Year 5 will complete their work on I Go Quiet by writing a diary entry before moving on to The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan. Using these texts as inspiration, children will develop their narrative writing skills, focusing on description, characterisation and creating an engaging story about returning something that has been lost. We look forward to seeing their creativity and confidence as writers continue to grow.

Maths

In Maths this term, Year 5 will focus on multiplication and division, developing efficient written and mental calculation strategies and applying these skills to reasoning and problem-solving activities. Later in the term, we will move on to fractions, where children will learn to compare, order and calculate with fractions while deepening their mathematical understanding. Throughout, there will be a strong emphasis on explaining mathematical thinking and using accurate mathematical vocabulary.

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Science

In Science this half term, Year 5 will be learning about properties and changes of materials. The children will investigate and compare the properties of different materials, considering their suitability for particular purposes. They will explore how materials can change state and learn about reversible and irreversible changes through a range of practical investigations. As young scientists, they will make predictions, carry out enquiries, record their findings and use evidence to explain the changes they observe.

Foundation Subjects

Geography – Children will explore the question, What is life like in the Alps?, learning about the physical and human geography of this fascinating mountain region and comparing it with life in the UK.

DT – Children will apply their designing, making and evaluating skills to create a purposeful product, developing their understanding of the design process and how products can be improved.

Music – Every Monday, specialist music teachers will bring lessons to life as children develop their confidence, rhythm, performance skills and musical understanding.

PSHE – Through the topic My Healthy Self, children will explore how to maintain their physical and mental wellbeing, make healthy choices and understand the importance of a balanced lifestyle.

Computing – Children will develop their programming skills by creating and debugging algorithms, learning how to control outcomes and solve problems through coding.

RE – Children will explore how a Muslim way of life is expressed at home and within the community, developing their understanding of Islamic beliefs, values and practices.

French – Through the topic Shopping in France, children will expand their vocabulary and conversational skills, learning how to ask for and purchase items in French.

PE – This term is Y5's turn to go swimming. Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit. Children may wear PE kits on this day.

Maths homework is assigned on Century every week on Thursday and weekly spellings will be given to the children to practise. Children are also expected to read a minimum of 4 times a week on log this on the Boomreader app.

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