

Year 5 Spring Newsletter 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 8th January - INSET Day

Tuesday 9th January - PSHE Day

Monday 22nd - 26th January - Poetry Week

Thursday 25th January - Year 5 and 6 SPaG workshop

Monday 29th January - Year 5 MFL Spelling Bee

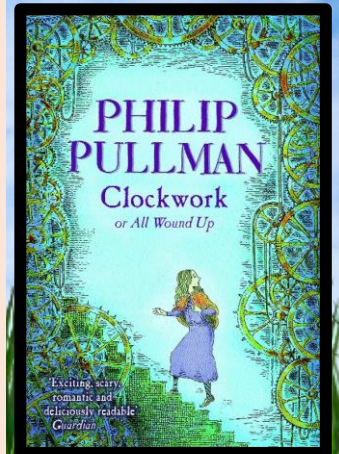
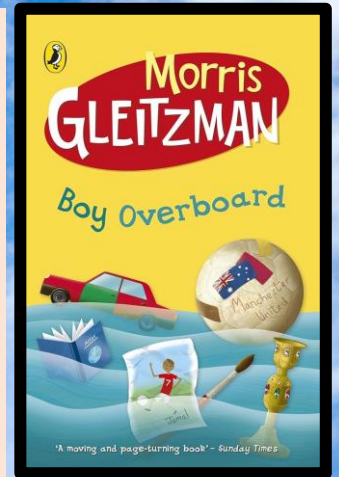
Friday 2nd February - Numbers Day

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

ENGLISH

We will be reading the incredible *Boy Overboard* by Morris Gleitzman. The story follows Jamal, a boy from a war-torn part of Afghanistan. When the government discovers that Jamal's mother is illegally running a school, his family is forced to leave home and they try to seek asylum in Australia. We will be writing an informal letter and poetry based on this text.

Tick tock, Tick Tock... We are also reading the brilliant *Clockwork* by Phillip Pullman. He also wrote *The Firework Maker's Daughter* which was read in Y4. This spooky story involves several interesting characters and a story within a story. Ask your child about Fritz and Karl – who are they more like and why? We will be writing a narrative and a persuasive piece based on this novel.



MATHS

We will be revisiting several topics including: addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. It is vital that children are fluent in multiplication facts and number bonds to 10. The application of this knowledge will help them in all areas of mathematics. TT ROCKSTARS will help to do this

SCIENCE

Living things

We will continue with our Earth and Space topic before rocketing into our spring topic of Living things. This will involve dissecting flowers to investigate lifecycles.

GEOGRAPHY

National Parks

We will be taking a virtual trip around Britain to visit its National Parks and discover why they are so important. Children will use a variety of geographical skills during this topic.

RE

Hindu, Sikh, Jewish and Islamic Prayer: What difference does it make?

DT

We will be researching, designing and creating a healthy meal.

PSHE

We will be exploring feelings and emotions.

PE

Spring 1
Outdoor: Leadership
Indoor: Gymnastics

Spring 2
Outdoor: Tennis
Indoor: Dance British values

French

À l'école – At School
In French, we will be speaking and writing all about school!

Music

Exploring Sound Sources
Glockenspiel Jazz

Exploring Lyrics and Melody Sing
Up with Gary Barlow.

Art

People in Action

READING

Every child should have a school banded reading book and should have an additional reading for pleasure book. It is essential children read daily and record this in their reading record.

UNIFORM

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform.
The school uniform is as follows:

- White blouse or shirt
- School tie
- Dark grey trousers or skirt
- Maroon cardigan, pullover or sweatshirt
- Red striped or checked summer dress
- Black school shoes - NO TRAINERS.
- If worn, hijabs must be maroon (these must be removed for PE lessons).

West Park Primary School Uniform



Homework Expectations

My Maths task (Due in Tuesday)

SPaG.com (Due in Wednesday)

Reading comprehension- weekly

Children should be reading every day for 15 minutes. This will really help to increase their reading fluency.

They should also regularly be playing TT rockstars to help

Children may also have topic homework set in their homework book during the term linking to foundation subjects they are studying in class- keep an eye out in homework books for these tasks.

This week, children have discussed our whole school behaviour expectations. Please read these through with your child so that they know what it means to: Be ready, Be respectful, Be responsible, and Be Safe.

