

Bodsham Church of England Primary School

Year 5 OWLS CLASS NEWSLETTER - SUMMER TERM 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have all had a well-earned rest over the Easter holidays; we can see that the children are raring to go as we enter the summer terms. We have lots going on, including SATs for Year 6 and the task for Year 5 to increase health and wellbeing to all at Bodsham! We also have a trip to Chatham Synagogue and Rochester Cathedral planned which will help bring our RE learning to life this term. As always, we will all be working incredibly hard in the final term to present the Owls End of Year Play!

Literacy (Year 5)

In Literacy we will cover:

- Persuasive Writing - we will be learning techniques of persuasion through different mediums including the 'protest song'. We will then be using techniques learnt to create our very own Bodsham Healthy Lifestyle campaign, persuading both children and adults to become more active.
- Poetry - The Power of Imagery. Using a range of sea poems and The Convergence of the Twain by Thomas Hardy, we will explore the use of imagery and description.
- Biography and Autobiography - We will use biographies of Roald Dahl and Michael Morpurgo and their autobiographical writing to identify features of biographies and autobiographies. We will then write our own autobiographies.

As always, we will incorporate reading and SPaG within each genre.

Please continue to encourage your child to read and discuss a range of genres of text on a regular basis. Even one to two pages per night is extremely beneficial to your child's learning.

Spellings

Spelling words will continue to be given out at the beginning of each term - with reminders on their homework sheets. Please encourage regular practise so that children are ready for their test on a Friday.

Numeracy (Year 5)

In Numeracy we will be covering the following areas:

- Decimals
- Geometry
- Measures - including converting units and volume
- Position and Direction

Times Tables

Most children are fairly confident with their x-table recall. However, Year 5 children will now have realized that this x-table knowledge is fundamental in accessing many of the mathematical tasks we do as we progress through the school. So, as we enter the final terms, we will be testing children each Friday, just so they are totally secure by the end of this year. Please help them to practise them regularly; there are lots of websites that can make this a fun exercise.

Other curriculum areas

We shall be studying the following subjects in the other curriculum areas:

	Summer April - July	
Subject	Term 5	Term 6
Class Values & RE	Class Value - Wisdom RE - Judaism - what does it mean to be Jewish in Britain today? (inc. visit to a synagogue)	Class Value - Discipline RE - Islam - What does it mean to be Muslim in Britain today
Topic	Mayan Civilisations	Mayan Civilisation and South America
Science	Evolution and Inheritance	Caring for Living things - Flour Babies
Computing	Understanding and Using Algorithms	Understanding the internet and World Wide Web
P.E.	Tennis Gymnastics (Movement)	Athletics Rounders

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out on a Thursday and should be handed in on a Tuesday. Most maths homework will be available on-line via the mymaths website. Children are expected to complete this weekly. If there is a problem accessing the website, please inform us ASAP so that we can sort issues out. Literacy homework will usually be given in the form of a task to be completed in their homework books. In addition, children should be accessing the music website, Charanga, to learn how to play the recorders that have been issued.

Many thanks for all your continued help and support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Smith, Mrs Record & Mrs Allen
Class Teachers