



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2025



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the half-term break and now wish to let you know what we have in store for the remainder of this term:

Maths

In our multiplication and division unit, we have already learnt about multiples and factors and will now introduce prime, square and cube numbers. We will also be learning how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. We will then move on to our first unit of fractions, which includes comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions. Please encourage your child to continue practising both multiplication tables and other basic number facts, as fluency with these will help with all of their mathematical work.

English

This term we are going to be reading Percy Jackson and the lightning thief. This 4-week Writing Root takes children on an adventure through the discovery of a sword, tied to which is an ancient-looking scroll, to writing an ode, exploring character and setting development, and then writing an own version narrative chapter. Following Reading for Research into Greek Gods, the children will complete the sequence by writing an extended narrative in role as an invented demi-god. Followed by Shakespeare's: The Tempest. During this sequence of learning, children have the chance to explore the themes, ideas and characters in the play, as well as writing opportunities, such as character descriptions and comparisons, scene/ setting descriptions and diary entries. They also explore the conventions of writing playscripts, including (characterisation through) dialogue, stage directions and how to convey action, as well as some Shakespearean conventions, such as the iambic pentameter.

Other subject themes are as follows:

Science: 'Properties and changes of materials' continues this half term, focusing on reversible and irreversible changes and how new materials are created.

RE: 'Making a difference in the world' and 'Christmas'.

History: Who were the Ancient Egyptians.

PE: Dance. Year 5 PE days are Mondays and Thursdays but please ensure that your child always has their full PE kit available at school.

Computing: Computer coding, further developing their use of the iPad software 'Tynker'.

Music: Two short units: 'Why we sing' (a focus on gospel music) and 'Introduction to songwriting' (writing short lyrics and tunes).

DT: Food technology – design and make sushi (linked to our last unit of learning – Japan)

PSHE: Celebrating difference.

Homework

The homework grid will be posted onto Teams. The homework for last half term was brilliant. Well done Class 5!

As always, if you require any further information or have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us by telephoning school or through email, using either the Class 5 email (class5info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk) or our school office email (office@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk).

With kindest regards,
Class 5 Team