



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term (2) 2019: Mrs Banwell

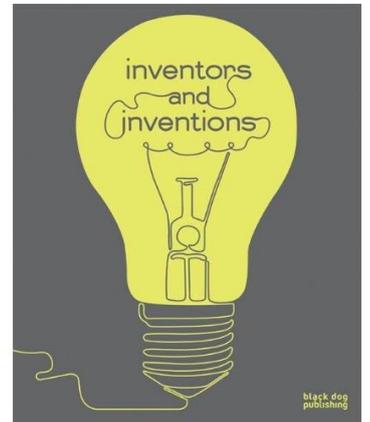


Dear parents,

Welcome back after the half term. I hope you have had a restful break and that your children are invigorated and ready to start our next term. Our new topic for this half term is called 'Inventors and Inventions', which I am sure all your children will enjoy.

Religious Education - Come and See:

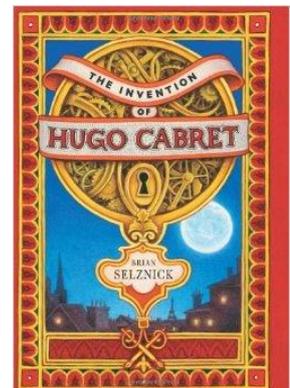
Please see the separate newsletter, which is also available on the school website, to see which topics we will cover this term.



English:

Novel as a theme – This unit we will be reading 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. At the end of this unit the children will create a short story about their own invention.

Magazine: Information Text Hybrid – This unit will allow the pupils to analyse and explore different types of non-fiction writing found in magazines. They will use this as inspiration to create their own page for a magazine which will include a range of text types.



Ongoing English:

Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation will be taught within the English lessons. Guided reading, spellings and handwriting will also continue.

Mathematics:

This half term our key learning will focus on:

- Mental and written division.
- 2D and 3D shapes (including sorting).
- Calculating with fractions.
- Measures (area and volume).
- Statistics and measure.

Science:

Throughout this half term the children will be learning about forces. This topic will allow the pupils to work scientifically and to design and carry out fair tests by exploring how gravity works through practical investigations. We will also be exploring other forces such as air resistance, water resistance and friction.

Computing:

The children will further develop their programming skills, as well as using ICT to aid all of their other learning.

History:

The learning within this theme focuses on the early Islamic civilization of Baghdad around the year AD900. This gives the pupils an opportunity to study a non-European society that provides contrast with British history. The children will be finding out the answers to questions such as:

- Where is Baghdad?
- What does modern day Baghdad look like?
- What was Baghdad like over 1000 years ago and in AD900?
- What was invented during this time?



PE:

PE will continue to be taught by Chorley School Sport Partnership on a Wednesday afternoon. The children will also have PE on a Thursday afternoon. Please could you make sure your child has a full PE kit to ensure they can participate fully in the lessons.

Art:

During this half term, we will begin to look at art inspired by the rainforest in preparation for our next topic.

Music:

This half term we will be focusing on Old School Hip Hop by Will Smith. The children will listen to and appraise The Fresh Prince of Bel Air before learning to rap this.

French:

Year 5 will have French lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. They will be developing a basic vocabulary and confidence in speaking French through songs, games and varied speaking activities.



Homework:

I have given the children a set of tasks that have been placed in their homework books ready for this half term. Children will receive different amounts of house points for their chosen homework task; I will award an amount based on the effort each child has put into their homework and the quality not quantity.

Also, the following homework tasks will be ongoing:

Reading-

Your child has the responsibility to hand in their reading book on a regular basis to be changed; books can be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please continue to spend time listening to your child read when possible. There is also a range of online books on Purple Mash that the children can access using their username and password.

Spellings-

Every other Friday, children will receive spellings based on the unit they have been learning. There will be a short test the following week. Please encourage your child to practice frequently.

MyMaths-

I will set weekly tasks on MyMaths and it would also help the children to use this regularly to practice their maths skills.

Big Maths-

Each Friday we will do a 'Beat That' test and a 'CLIC' test as part of our 'Big Maths' work, the children will take their completed test home to share with you and to further develop their understanding.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Banwell, Year 5 Teacher

With Christ, we live, we love, we learn, we grow