



NICHOLAS HAWKMOOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*An Academy of Academic, Artistic, Athletic and Excellence*

Spring Term

# Year Five Newsletter

## Daily Reading

The children are expected to read daily at home making personal choices about the books they would like to read. They should aim to read for a minimum of 10 minutes every day at convenient times.

## Spellings

Spellings sessions will continue to be each Friday for 5MY and each Monday for 5SP where the children will be tested on the previous week's, before undertaking some work on the words for the following week's test.

## Maths

Every child continues to have access to Mathletics in Year 5 and we ask that children use it regularly to support the work they are undertaking in lessons. Their target is still 500 points a week (deadline is 7pm on Sunday evening) – Should your child be unable to access the website then time can be provided in school to reach this target. It is the responsibility of your child to notify us of this so they do not fall behind.

We also ask that the children continue learning their times tables. We will test these each Monday.

## Creative Homework

Maps or Space –due 19/2/18

Railways or Forces –due  
16/4/18

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all! A very warm welcome back after what we hope has been a restful and festive Christmas season. The previous term was a great success and we are looking forward to building on that in the coming months. We have an exciting array of topics and subjects ahead of us over the next few months and this letter is to give you a flavour of what is in store for your children. We welcome Mr Yates to the Year 5 team as a class teacher. Mrs Wilson will continue to work in Year 5 with her English and Maths groups.

## Subject Overviews

### English

During the first half of term the children will continue to work on their Science Fiction stories before moving onto Newspaper report related to Space. After half term, they will study stories from other cultures including a traditional Chinese story and make links between this and Chinese culture. Further work will feature plays and traditional stories from the Indian tradition and balanced arguments along with developing their debating skills.

### Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division, Area and Perimeter and fractions, decimals and percentages throughout the spring terms, alongside further developing the children's abilities to use and apply known methods to solve mathematical problems. The aim will be to become more adept at reasoning to solve challenges both independently and in groups. Continued consolidation of their basic skills is a key area as this will build their confidence as we move forward towards the end of year; therefore we ask that the children are continuing to regularly practise their times tables and corresponding division facts at home to aid them in this.

### Science

In Science we will be continuing with Earth and Space this half term. Later in the term we will move on to looking at forces. The children will have the opportunity to measure forces, consider the direction of force and its effects on the motion of an object, understand friction and the principles of gravity and how forces are applied through simple machines such as pulleys and levers.

## Events

**5th January**

Beauty and the Beast  
Pantomime

**9th January**

Swimming starts

**25th January**

Space Centre trip

**5th February**

KS2 Reading  
Information Evening

**8th February**

Heroes and Heroine  
Disco

**9th February**

Science Day

**27th & 28th February**

Parents' Evening

**1st March**

World Book Day

**20th March**

Last Swim

**23rd March**

Sport Relief

**29th March**

Easter Service

## Subject Overviews

### Computing

In computing we will be introducing Office 365 and beginning to use some of the apps including email, Sway and Onenote.

### Humanities

In Geography we will complete our unit on Ordnance Survey Maps In Religious Education we study Islam and focus on the five pillars of the faith, looking at the similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity and how the faith affects Muslims in Britain today.

### PSHE

Our Personal, Social and Health Education sessions are embedded throughout our curriculum and focus this term on the children seeing themselves as valued individuals within the school community who contribute to a welcoming, safe and fair learning community. We will also be developing the children's ability to set themselves challenging, yet achievable goals.

### PE

Our PE session will continue to be on Mondays and we will swim on a Tuesday as The children will focus on developing different skills through Handball and Volleyball.. Please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit for both indoor and outdoor activities that includes trainers. In the pool, the children will be developing their basic strokes, developing stamina and will also be introduced to lifesaving skills.

### The Arts

#### Art

In Art the children will be exploring a variety of mediums. They will also be looking at Print making in the print style of Angie Lewin

#### Performing Arts

This term we will be starting Peforming Arts with Mr Driver where the children will cover aspects of drama and music.

#### French

Adverbs of place, and verbs will feature heavily this term, with the introduction of the negative. Secondly we will learn to ask questions and express opinions. The teaching approach is visual, auditory and kinaesthetic to enhance the learning of language.

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