

Year 5 Newsletter

Summer





Welcome to our Summer Term newsletter

This term our enquiry question is 'Does design aid discovery?' As part of this enquiry, we are going to be exploring previous Rovers that have ventured out to Mars and evaluating their appearances and features to decide if the specific specifications have helped NASA with discoveries on Mars. This will then help us with our own designs when making our own Mars Rovers.

Our Science lessons in the second half of the term, will focus on Space and what is out there? Alongside this, we will compare the features of the sun, moon and Earth, in relation to their position in the galaxy and reactivate our learning from September when we discussed how gravity impacts the movements of the planets.

Reading

As always at Greenwood, we will be developing the children's positive attitudes to reading.
We will be reading a wide range of texts in our reading lessons and enjoying listening to our class reading texts too.
Our spotlight authors this term are Sophie Anderson (The House with Chicken Legs, The Snow Girl) and Matt Ralphs (Aviation, Beasts from the Deep).
The children will still be responsible for changing their own reading book and we will have regular time in our new library for the children to swap their books.
To help your child, you can read with them at home during the week and record this in their reading diary. If there any words that they are unsure of, please help them look up the meaning in a dictionary. You could also ask them questions to check they have understood what they have read.

English

We will be continuing to build on the children's knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

We will also be writing a narrative, a persuasive leaflet (to invite people to a brand new planet), a non-chronological report and finally poetry.

To help your child at home, you can encourage them to join their handwriting and practise with them. The new handwriting scheme is becoming embedded in the classroom, but extra practise always helps. If you require any books to practise in, please let us know.

Maths

This term, we are building on our previous units to enhance more complex questions surrounding shape, position and direction, negative numbers, converting units and measuring volume.
Children will explore different types of shapes, 2D and 3D, which will help there topic around position and direction when using coordinates on a grid.
Towards the end of the summer term, children will be converting units, such as cm and mm, where they will be covering previously taught units to support them, before ending with measuring the volume and capacity of objects.
To help your child you can help them to apply Mathematical skills to real world problems such as working out change, how much a discounted item might cost and planning how long a journey might take.

P.E. Lessons

P.E lessons for Year 5 will take place on a Friday.

Children can come to school in their PE kit on Fridays.

Please ensure your child is wearing **no jewellery** on this day and has suitable clothes for P.E. sessions e.g. plain white or blue t-shirt, blue or black shorts or joggers and outdoor trainers.

If it is cold, a sweatshirt or school PE hoodie should be worn too.

During Summer 1, children will be going to Lammas Leisure Centre for their swimming lessons. Please see the Dojo message for swim wear requirements.

Any other information

Children need to bring their water bottle into school each day (not glass).

Please encourage your child to complete their homework, which will be set either on Purple Mash or as a hard copy on a Friday. Homework needs to be completed and submitted by the following Friday..



Please could we ask that all your child's items are named as this makes it easier to return any lost items quickly.

Please check Class Dojo regularly as we will update it will messages and reminders.

In school we support children with their mental health in many different ways for example through workshops, clubs and adult intervention. As a school we work closely with the Mental Health support team (MHST) who can offer further specialist support and guidance around mental health. If you have any worries or concerns about your child's mental health, please contact Miss Appleby either by phone or email.

aappleby@greenwoodprimary.org.uk

Over this academic year your child will take part in the following workshops

- Sleep Hygiene workshop
- Resilience workshop
- Wellbeing workshop

Other notes

It is crucial that children arrive at school and are ready to learn for 8.40am and are collected promptly at 3.15pm.

If you have any questions or problems, please get in touch via Dojo, school email or by ringing the school office.

Orangutans – hevans@greenwoodprimary.org.uk

Tigers – smiles@greenwoodprimary.org.uk

Dates for your diary

Swimming – Every Wednesday for the first Summer half term

Residential meeting - Friday 23rd May 3.20pm

Class photos – Tuesday 3rd June

Summer Fayre – Tuesday 17th June

Year 5 Residential - Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th June - details to follow.

Sports day – Thursday 26th June

Inset days – Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th July