



Heathland School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5

Term : Spring

English :

In English, we are currently focussing on Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, specifically playscripts and persuasive writing. This will be followed by a focus on the Jabberwocky poem where language features will be analysed. Towards the end of the term, we will be focusing on the fiction book *Oranges in No Man's Land*. We will continue to look at a range grammatical concepts and punctuation including:

Expanded noun phrases, commas, relative clauses, colons, prepositional phrases, adverbs and persuasive languages

Maths :

In Maths, we are currently focusing on the four operations, with particular emphasis on multiplication and division including solving complex problems involving these operations.

In Spring 2, we will be focussing on fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will become familiar with the concept of fractions through objects and pictures, as well as represented as numbers, which supports their understanding and ensures rapid progress.

All of our Maths lessons follow the 'Learn, Apply, Reason' structure which ensures that children are able to practise the concepts they have been taught, apply them to new contexts and discuss their understanding.

To help support your children at home, encourage your children to continue to practise their times tables and corresponding division facts regularly.

Topics

Spring 1 : **What is Earth's role in Space?**

Spring 2 : **What impact do plastics have on Earth?**

Topic : Our Topic for the Spring 1 Half Term is 'What is Earth's role in Space?'

This will involve children learning about how the Earth works. This includes the different forces upon Earth, moon cycles, the wider universe and different states of matter. As part of our Topic, our Year Group is taking part in a Science workshop called 'Journeys Into Space'.

In Spring 2, our Topic will be 'What impact do plastics have on Earth?' and we will be learning about the environmental impact of plastics.

In addition to this, Year 5 children have been creating art pieces both in class and in Art Club that will culminate in an art show later on this school year.

PE, PSHE and Mind Up : In PE, we are currently focusing on basketball. All children have an opportunity to explore and develop skills in passing, ball-handling, shooting, dribbling and attack/defence. On Mondays, we have been taking part in lessons with a specialist sports coach from Fit for Fun.

In swimming, the Year 5 children are continuing to work towards achieving their goal of swimming a length of 25 metres of the pool.

Children will be continuing to learn about how their brains work through Mind Up lessons and in PSHE, they will be learning about how to share their goals and dreams and planning small steps towards



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Noticeboard

Reminders

PE kits should include:

- White shirt
- Black or navy bottoms
- Black trainers or plimsoles

Swimming kits should include:

- Towel
- One piece swimming suit/ trunks
- Swimming hat
- Goggles (optional)
- Waterproof bag (named)

No children should be wearing jewellery on these days

School uniform should include:

- White collared shirt
- Navy jumper/ school sweatshirt
- Black bottoms
- Black shoes or plimsoles

Please ensure that your child's items are labelled in case they become lost in school.

PE is on a **Monday**

Home learning is due in on **Tuesday**

Music is on a **Wednesday**

Swimming is on a **Thursday**

Key Dates this Term

Wednesday 2nd February-Matilda Production

Friday 4th February-Science Space Workshops

Monday 7th February—Friday 11th February—Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 8th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February - 3.00pm finish—Students' Last Day Before Half Term

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February — Half Term

Monday 21st February — Students Return to School

Tuesday 22nd February - Rights Respecting School Accreditation

Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th March - Parents Evening

Friday 1st April- 2.00pm finish—Students' Last Day of Spring Term