

Barn Croft Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2017



We have had an excellent start to the year! I've loved being in Year 5: the children have all been so polite, helpful and hard-working and have made a fantastic first impression! I'm really looking forward to all the learning we will do together this year!

Later this week, I will be sending home a list of spellings that children must learn before the holidays. They will be tested on them in the last week of term to see how many they are able to spell correctly.

On top of this, children must read for a minimum of 20 minutes each day. They can record this in their yellow reading books and when they complete a whole page, they will get a stamp and a 'reading boost' (5 Dojo points). Reading records will be checked every Friday.

English

As stimuli for our writing and drama, we will be using a film and a novel this half term. This will lead to us writing newspaper reports where we will learn about presenting facts without bias. Children will also have the opportunity to write emotive diary entries and compose poems.

Maths

In maths, we are spending the first couple of weeks consolidating the children's understanding of number and place value. We will then move onto look at other areas of maths where the children can apply their understanding of number, including written methods for calculation.

Topic: Anglo-Saxons

Following our mini topic on Stephen Hawking, we are moving on to a new topic about the Anglo-Saxons. As part of this unit of work, we will be looking at why the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain, as well as why they were such powerful warriors. This topic will include art and DT lessons as well.

Computing

We are starting our computing sessions by looking at the purpose of the internet, how search engines are created and how to use the internet safely. We will also use the computers for research as part of our topic.

PE

We are doing basketball in PE this half term. PE lessons are every **Thursday** and children will need a full kit. Trainers or plimsolls are essential as we will be outside whenever the weather permits.

Music

This term, Year 5 will be learning to play the xylophone with a peripatetic teacher. They will also learn and perform a song as part of their rock music topic.

Please come and let me know if you have any queries or concerns, I'm always around at the beginning and the end of the day for a chat!

Miss Cerullo