

Year 5 Folkestone Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome to back everyone, Term 2 is already upon us! It has been a delight getting to know the children – they arrive each day with a smile on their faces, energetic and full of enthusiasm. We have a busy term ahead, but if I can go by Term 1 the children will rise to the challenge once again. It is an absolute joy to teach Folkestone Class. Miss Griffin

Maths 1 2 3

In Maths this term, we will be consolidating and developing our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will learn to add and subtract up to 2 decimal places, as well as developing a range of methods, both mental and written. We will also continue developing our ability to round and estimate.

Alongside this, we will learn to convert between units of measure for length. This will include developing our understanding of converting between metric and imperial units. We will also use our knowledge of measuring length to find the perimeter of rectilinear and composite shapes. These areas provide lots of opportunities to makes links to our Riveting Rivers topic.



This term in English, we will be writing in a variety of non-fiction styles. We will start with explanations, linked to our topic on rivers and we will then move onto writing a formal letter. We will also be enjoying the text, 'The Princess' Blankets' in class this term in which the children will create their own fairy-tale.

Children should read every day to an adult and have it signed off in their contact book.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

By the end of Year 4, children should know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12 fluently. If they still do not, now is the time to help them learn. TT Rock Stars is a fantastic learning platform to help children. Daily short bursts of practice will help your child enormously, especially as next term we are learning about multiplication and division. Obviously, knowing times tables to 12 x 12 will give your child a huge advantage in that topic!

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>



We are continuing to use Accelerated Reader to support children's reading. We like them to take regular quizzes in school as it informs our assessment and allows us to provide targeted support to each child. As well as books from school, children are able to also read their own books from home. If these are on Accelerated Reader, they can complete quizzes on these also. To find out if a book is on Accelerated Reader, please visit

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx>

Online safety

We encourage children to use online platforms safely, including social media. Please continue to reaffirm this message at home by having open and honest conversations about the pros and cons of using the internet. Most importantly, encourage your child to talk to you if they view something that makes them feel safe online.

Reminders:

- PE kits for Friday. Ideally earrings should be left at home.
- Spellings are given out at the beginning of term now.
- Daily reading recorded in planners and signed.
- Home learning is issued termly and can be handed in when completed.
- Correct uniform please, including shoes. Any problems or concerns, please write a note in the student's home contact book.
- Please check the school calendar for upcoming events.
- Kearsney Abbey trip - Tuesday 9th November.
- Parents Evening – Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November.



Materials and their properties is our focus in science. We will investigate the qualities of different materials, how to classify them and how different materials are fit for purpose. We will also be exploring reversible and irreversible, physical and chemical changes with a range of materials.

In music, students will learn to play trumpets and clarinets with Mr Cook. In class, we will be creating our own music using the glockenspiels.



In RE, we will be exploring 'What would Jesus do?' We will be considering if people are able to live by the values of Jesus in the 21st century. Students will have the opportunity to learn about different cultural and religious beliefs.



In PSHE, students will be given the opportunity to explore the idea of money. They will look at how they can save money, the affect money has on a persons well-being, as well as finding out what banks do and how they can pay for goods in shops.

Our second creative curriculum topic is Riveting Rivers where we will be learning about the formation of rivers, the importance of rivers for different societies and how human around the world are having an impact on the environment through the rivers. Our learning in other subjects will also be linked to this topic.



In Computing, students will be developing their computing literacy, understanding how different technologies benefit our everyday lives and how these technologies function.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. If there is anything you would like to discuss, you are welcome to see us after school or find us on the playground.

Miss Griffin and Miss Hollett