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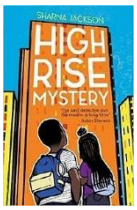
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Year 5: Autumn 2

Dear Parents/ Carers,
Please find below an overview of the topics we will be covering this half term in Year 5.

English:



Year 5 will be donning their detective badges and entering the murky work of crime solving as we read the thrilling 'High Rise Mystery'. They will focus on character description, relative pronouns and reported clauses as they build up to write a newspaper article about the Tri Estate murder.



Later in the term, the children will practice descriptive writing using images to draw out vocabulary and literary devices such as simile and metaphor to create atmosphere.

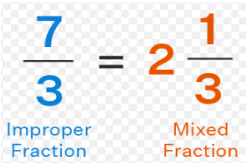
Reading:



This term, during whole class reading, Year 5 will be reading Beetle Boy by M G Leonard. It is the first book in MG Leonard's acclaimed trilogy, followed by Beetle Queen and Battle of the Beetles! It features exotic beetles, a daring quest, a mixture of bold male and female characters and a truly venomous villain! The children will have lots of opportunities to read out loud, using intonation, tone, volume and action.

Maths:

Year 5 will explore square and cube numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. Later in the term, they will focus on finding equivalent fractions of unit and non-unit fractions. They will then move onto converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and then converting mixed numbers to improper fractions.



Science:

Year 5 will be studying properties and uses of materials. In this module, children will learn to:
compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. They will also learn to give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.



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Geography:
Children will be immersing themselves in the topic 'Slums'. They will be discovering how slums develop and what life is like for the people who live in them. They will learn what challenges their inhabitants face and how life in slums can and has been improved.



PSHE:
Year 5 will be exploring the topic 'Celebrating Differences' The children will start the term by thinking about their hopes for Year 5. This topic incorporates learning about different cultures, different types of bullying and racism.

Art:
Year 5 will finish creating their own landscape watercolor pieces, inspired by the work of Emily Carr and focusing particularly on the formal elements: colour, shape, space, and perspective.



French:
This term, Year 5's French unit will be 'Family'. They will practice vocabulary used to describe their family and rehearse sentences.

Music:
Year 5 will be rehearsing and learning new music as part of the Merton Music Foundation project such as 'Skyfall'.

PE:
Year 5 will begin the year with a Hockey unit of learning. Children develop skillful attacking and team play. They learn how to work well as a team when attacking, and explore a range of ways to defend. They will also enjoy an Athletics unit, in which they will focus on developing their technical understanding of athletic activity. They learn how to set targets and improve their performance in a range of running, jumping and throwing activities
As before, this term, Year 5's PE day is **Wednesday**. The children should come to school in their PE kits on this day.

RE:
This term the year 5 children will learn about Islam. We will focus on worship, festivals and practices.

Computing:
Year 5 will start to learn about music programming. Students will be exploring the capabilities of Scratch and practicing debugging skills.

The recommended website of the term is:
https://www.thereaderteacher.com/



Yours Sincerely,

Mr Smith