

Year 5 Autumn Term



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the first term of Year 5 and UKS2. I hope that your children are looking forward to a very busy, yet fun year ahead.

Important Information

Year 5 P.E: Monday and Friday

Homework: Your child will be set weekly spelling homework and times table practise/maths homework on SeeSaw. These will be set and tested on a Friday. Maths homework will also be marked on a Friday. Reading is a key part of the curriculum and home reading should be recorded in reading records.

Geography – The British Empire

The children will be using maps, atlases and globes to locate what was once the British Empire and how these maps have changed over time. We will be looking at trade, in particular the East India Company. We will look at the positive and negative impact of the British reign in India and how Indian has influence Britain today.

English

This year we will be continuing to develop the use of high-quality text drivers as a focus for all our English learning.

For our first unit of work, we will be using a book called 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman. The children will be learning a range of new vocabulary and punctuation devices to include with their writing. They will then be writing a letter as Cinnamon addressed to her parents. Additionally, we will be reading 'When the Mountains Roared' by Jess Butterworth. During this time, the children will learn to use non-chronological, informative language to create a report about Snow Leopards.



After half term we will be studying the book 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. Loosely based on a true story, Street Child is the inspirational tale of a poor Victorian boy fighting for survival on the grim streets of Victorian London. They will use the text to create a narrative from Jim's perspective.

P.E.

P.E. this term will be: Gymnastics, Fitness, Netball and Dance.

Maths

This term we will be focussing on place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Times tables will continue to be a high focus area and will be recapped daily for all children. We will also be encouraging all children to use TT Rockstars to support them with learning their times tables. We appreciate parents support in facilitating this at home. The children will continue to use 'Fluent in 5' to ensure that they are accessing daily number skills practise.

After half term we will be learning about fractions, which will involve a range of practical experiences to support this area of the curriculum.

Science

This term we will be learning about 'Earth and Space' and 'Forces'. As part of the 'Earth and Space' unit of work, the children will be learning about different planets as well as the phases of the moon. Through our forces topic, we will be learning about gravity and friction.

Computing

Our focus this term will be on I.T. skills, including touch typing and learning keyboard shortcuts. We will also recap and learn additional skills related to emailing and have a go at creating some short animations.

French

The French topic for Autumn is 'Ma Journée'. The topic will focus on helping the children express their day-to-day life, in school and at the weekend.

History

In the second half term we will be learning all about life in the Victorian times. We will learn about Queen Victoria and what life was like for a Victorian child. We will explore artefacts from the Victorian times and think about what they tell us about the past.

RE

This term the children will be learning about Islam and Christianity.

Exciting days to look forward to

Netball training afterschool on Mondays.
Football training afterschool on Wednesdays.
Bikeability Wednesday 20th September.
Constellation lesson after school hours (date TBC).

A final note...

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns. You can email us at f.waters@montnicolle.sch.je – Year 5 teacher
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