



Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Term 2024/25



Dear families,

Welcome back to year 5! We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term and we are very excited to share it with you.

We are fortunate to have **Mrs Tollervey** teaching outdoor learning, **Mrs McKutchinson** teaching Music and French and we have **Ms Allen** supporting each day. This term, we continue to be involved in a variety of different events throughout the term. Please make sure to keep up to date with any future events.

The children will continue their journey along the Homerswood Pathway Curriculum, which encourages children to grow, be curious and discover.

For your information, the table below shows the areas we will be covering in each subject and contains some links you may find useful:

Subject	Topics and how to support your child.
English	We will be covering a range of reading and writing skills across the following topics: Free verse poetry Mystery and Suspense Report writing Comprehension through a range of fiction and non fictions texts <u>Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - The Science of Spelling</u> <u>English Homerswood Primary and Nursery School</u>
Maths	In maths, we will continue to develop numerical fluency through daily fluency sessions. We will build and develop our skills and practise using them in a range of contexts. Problem solving using all 4 operations Multiply fractions by whole numbers Problem solving with fractions Converting units of measure (imperial to metric) Area, volume and capacity Percentages 3d representatives from 2d representations Reflection and translation of shapes Perimeter Estimate, compare, measure and draw angles Identify unknown angles Talk to your children about their mathematic learning. Make the most of 'real life' opportunities to interact with numbers - for example, when shopping, travel planning, and budgeting. Continue to focus on reciting and using times tables facts -

	<p>perhaps you could hold a tables family challenge. Keep up the times table rockstars streaks too!</p> <p>https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39/year/zncsscw</p> <p>www.mathletics.co.uk</p> <p>https://ttrackstars.com/</p>
Computing	<p>Our spring topics through Purplemash this term are:</p> <p>Game creator</p> <p>Spreadsheets.</p> <p>www.purplemash.com</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrq6f</p>
RE	<p>In RE, we are learning about:</p> <p>Judaism - Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?</p> <p>Christianity - Creation and science, conflicting or complementary.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j</p>
Art	<p>In Art this term the class is learning about 3D Sculptures and Interactive Installations.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpq3pbk/revision/7</p>
Science	<p>Our 2 main Science topics this term are:</p> <p>Life cycles of animals, plants and humans</p> <p>Forces: let's get moving!</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science</p> <p>https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/</p> <p>https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/</p>
Geography	<p>We will be studying the Alpine Region; looking at the 6 countries that the Alps covers and looking at links to the tourist industry.</p> <p>https://www.britannica.com/place/Alps</p>
History	<p>Our Spring topic in History is the Vikings which follows on nicely from our study of the Anglo-Saxons last term.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6</p>
MFL	<p>In French this term we will be covering 2 new topics: My Home and Clothes.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty</p> <p>https://www.duolingo.com/</p>
PE	<p>In P.E, we will be completing three units:</p> <p>Gymnastics</p> <p>Football</p> <p>Basketball</p> <p>https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/fitness-6-12.html</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbvrcmn#z9c8dp3</p>

D+T	In Spring, we will be preparing for the Young Chef of the Year Competition. We will go through various cooking skills in order to prepare the children to design and make their one 3 course meal. The top chef from Homerswood will then go through to the finals and be judged by Chef Harry Lomas who has previously worked at The Grove and Wembley Stadium. https://youngchefoftheyear.co.uk/
Music	In music, the children will be continuing to develop their skills in listening, comparing, composing and performing as well as considering the importance of rhythm and teamwork. This term, the focus is on Building a Groove: Fresh Prince of Bel Air. https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/half-term-music-activities/zmmpxyc
RSHE	In RSHE, we will begin with the topic of "Dreams and Goals" where students will learn about aspirations, jobs, salaries and professions. In Spring 2, we will focus on "Healthy Me". https://mindfulnessinschools.org/misp-sit-together/

Reminders:

- As always, **good attendance** is essential to maintain good progress.
- If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the school office as soon as possible.
- Children can obtain a **new book** from our class or our main library whenever they return their previously borrowed book.
- A **labelled, filled water bottle** should be brought into school every day.
- School shoes should be black and preferably children should wear black trainers on P.E days which are **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.
- Additionally, ensure that you are signed up to Marvellous Me. We love to celebrate the children's achievements and this is an easy way to ensure that you do not miss out on the action.
- Don't forget to complete your secondary school applications.

Home Learning:

- Home learning will be set via Google Classroom at the start of every week to consolidate that week's learning and prepare for the week ahead.
- Children should be reading regularly at home and reading with an adult 3-4 times per week. Please discuss the texts that your children are reading.
- Please continue to use TT Rockstars and Spelling shed at home. These are great resources which are fun to complete and really contribute to understanding and retention.

Important dates:

- Please check the diary dates on the website for regular updates. There will be further parent newsletters from the office to inform you of any important dates.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or queries. You can email us at year5@homerswood.herts.sch.uk

We are very excited about the term ahead and look forward to sharing the children's learning journey with you.

Very best wishes,
Mr Williamson and Miss Allen