



Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Term 2024



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.

This term, alongside myself, Year 5 will be supported by Miss Allen each morning.

Some highlights of the term include the MiniPolice scheme, where 2 Police Community Support Officers will be leading 6 sessions across the term to share their roles and responsibilities with the children. This links with our RHSE topic of "Dreams and Goals", where children look at different job roles to help them decide some possible future career paths.

Another highlight will be starting preparations for our Young Chef of the Year Competition. We will be practising chopping, dicing, slicing, grating and peeling in order to create healthy and nutritious recipes.

Please see below the topics we will be covering in each subject.

Subject	Topics and how to support your child.
English	<p>We will be covering a range of reading and writing skills across the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Free verse poetryMystery and SuspenseReport writingComprehension through a range of fiction and non fictions texts <p>Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - The Science of Spelling English Homerswood Primary and Nursery School</p>
Maths	<p>Below are our main topics we will be learning in our main Maths lessons. In addition to these topics we will have "daily fluency" maths lessons which allow children to revise previously taught topics to ensure good retention of knowledge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Problem solving using all 4 operationsMultiply fractions by whole numbersProblem solving with fractionsConverting units of measure (imperial to metric)Area, volume and capacityPercentages3d representatives from 2d representationsReflection and translation of shapesPerimeterEstimate, compare, measure and draw anglesIdentify unknown angles <p>https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477 https://trockstars.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>
RE	<p>We will explore 2 religions this term and discuss the following questions:</p> <p>Sikhism:</p> <p>Are Sikh stories important today?</p> <p>Christianity:</p> <p>How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j</p>
Art	<p>In art this term we are focusing on drawings of Space and using different mediums to produce different results. An artist we are looking at this term is Teis Albers.</p> <p>https://teisalbers.com/</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: "the weather" and "the Romans". Pupils will be able to say the different types of weather and we will continue to practise this daily by asking each other what the weather is like each day. In The Romans we will read a short story about Romulus and Remus and use our french vocabulary to translate the story.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty</p> <p>https://www.duolingo.com/</p>
PE	<p>In P.E, we will continue our lessons twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our first 2 sequences are football and dance.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/c/TheBodyCoachTV/search?query=kids</p> <p>cosmic kids yoga - YouTube</p> <p>go noodle exercises for kids - YouTube</p> <p>https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/fitness-6-12.html</p>
D+T	<p>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.</p> <p>https://youngchefoftheyear.co.uk/</p>
Music	<p>Our new music topic is "hip hop" and our chosen song is The Fresh Prince of BellAir.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM5-i9NH0tM</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/user/SingingHandsUK .</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/half-term-music-activities/zmmpxyc</p>

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RSHE	In RSHE, we will begin with the topic of "Dreams and Goals". This is where we are lucky enough to participate in the MiniPolice scheme, to help children understand this career in more detail. 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.
- 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**.
- Continue to check our website. It is updated regularly and, there, you can find photos and further details of our in class activities. <https://www.homerswood.herts.sch.uk/year-5-15/>
- 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.

Home Learning:

- Home learning will be set via Google Classroom at the start of every week to consolidate that week's learning or 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 and ensure they are age appropriate to extend and challenge their vocabulary knowledge.
- 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 Miss Kettle 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,
Miss Pattle