

Year 5 Term 1 Newsletter 2020

Welcome back! It has been quite a varied year for everyone but we are extremely excited to have welcomed the children back to year 5. They are a very positive group of children, full of smiles and ready to take on new challenges. The routines are rigorous but we have ensured the children are engaged fully with the reasons behind these routines.

Our topic this term is 'Anglo Saxons'. The children, in conjunction with our diversity curriculum, will learn about the placing of Anglo Saxons on historic time lines whilst learning about events in the rest of the world. They will also learn about the jobs, religious beliefs and the mysteries of Sutton Hoo.

Our black history focus will be around the poem 'Heritage' by Countee Cullen. We will explore the ideas and issues discussed in the poem by looking at black artists and their painting styles.

English — The books that we will be studying this term are called, Beowulf and Granny Ting Ting. The children will be given the opportunity to write in a variety of different styles including descriptive writing, formal letters, and diary entries. During Guided Reading the children will learn to retrieve, summarise and infer from information given in the text.

Spelling — Children will explore spellings from the year 4 and 5 high frequency word spelling list. They will be encouraged to use and spell the words correctly within their writing.

Numeracy - In maths we will be looking at Place Value, Number, Measure and Statistics. We will also be focusing on applying this knowledge when solving problems. The children will have regular mental arithmetic practice via Times Tables Rockstars. .

Science - This term, our science topic will focus

on 'Animals and humans. Throughout this topic, children will compare the life cycles of mammals, insects and amphibians

PSHE - This term a strong emphasis will be placed on well-being, friendships, exploring feelings and emotions. In addition to this, the children will also learn about puberty.

Computing - This term we will be studying a unit of work based on Play Like Share, an animated series about **online safety** produced by Thinkuknow.

You can watch all three episodes of Play Like Share at:

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikes> [here](#)

You will also find plenty of advice and support about keeping your child safe online at the Thinkuknow Parents and Carers Website:

<https://www.thinkukno>

[w.co.uk/parents](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

It is a great idea for you to watch each episode with your child and to have conversations with them about it. To help you do this, follow the link to find a parents and carers help sheet:

<https://www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk/onlinesafetyforparentsandcarers>

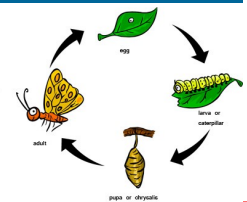
Home Learning—

To be advised.

Water Bottles & Book Bags

Due to coronavirus restrictions, all water fountains in our playgrounds have been closed. It is therefore important that children bring in their own water bottles into school each day. Water bottles should be taken home at the end of each day and cleaned.

We are asking all children not to bring in book bags unless they are for their back lunches. This helps us reduce the risk of trans-



PE - Wednesday morning.

Children must come to school in their PE kits.

Correct PE uniform: white

t-shirt, shorts / tracksuit bottoms (dependent on the weather) and trainers.

Start and End Times.

8:45 - 8:55

Children arrive

15:00- Children leave.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Rodgers and Ms Husain

