

Year 5 Learning Letter

Hello and a warm welcome to Year 5!

We hope you have had a wonderful and relaxing Summer holidays. We are so excited for our new areas of learning and for all the fantastic work Year 5 will be getting stuck into over the next half term!

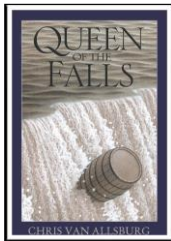
Mr Heeley, Mrs Lawrenson and Miss Barnicle



Our Year 5 Twitter is: @MonksdownYear5

Why not follow us and see all of the fantastic work we have been doing!

English:



This half term we are reading the book *Queen of the Falls*. It's the incredible true story of a Annie Taylor, a 62 year old determined to find fame and fortune by completing an unbelievable stunt; being the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel!

During this unit, we will be recapping previously learned skills and introducing new skills. We use the correct grammatical terms with the children throughout all of our English work.

We will be learning how to:

- Identify the audience for and purpose of writing
- Organise paragraphs around a theme with a focus on more complex narrative structures
- Use commas after fronted adverbials
- Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing

Our writing outcome will be to write a series of diary entries in role as Annie from different moments of her life and her daredevil feat.

Important information for you

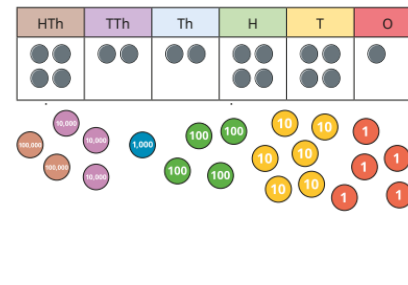
- If you are sending your child in with a water bottle - please make sure it is only water rather than juice.
- **Swimming will take place on a Friday for classes 5.1 and 5.2 commencing 8th September.**
- Please have your PE kit in school on Monday for the full week.
- **Please read the homework grid on the other side for Year 5 homework.**

Maths:

This half term we will focus our learning on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. We will continue to recap our basic arithmetic daily.

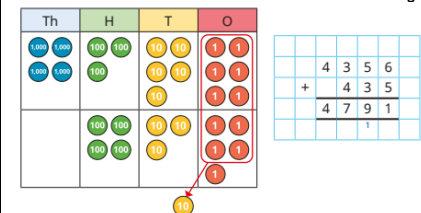
Place Value

The children will learn to read, write, represent, order, compare and round numbers to 1,000,000.



Addition and Subtraction

The children will continue to build on their prior learning of formal written methods of addition and subtraction; extending this knowledge to numbers with more than 4-digits.



Wider Curriculum in Year 5

History - We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will learn about way of life in Britain during these time periods. We will also learn about the important rulers such as Alfred the Great, the importance of storytelling and the different belief systems in place.

Science - We will be learning about Materials. We will investigate reversible and irreversible changes. We will also explore testing different materials for different purposes.

DT - In DT we will be exploring 3D textiles. We will be learning about seams and combining fabric to create a pencil case.

Computing - Using Excel, we will create and search databases. We will develop our skills in database software functions including sorting and filtering data. We will also learn how to produce graphs from a spreadsheet.

RE - We will explore the idea of believing and unpick the key question, 'Why do some people believe God exists?' We will explore and learn in depth from different religious and non-religious groups about belief in God. We will consider why people do or don't believe in God and the impact that might have on the way people live their everyday life.

Home Learning Challenges

This is work that should be done each week

Essential work

Read for 20 minutes at home each day. This can be your books from school or home.

Essential work

Practise your times tables on TTRockstars or number bonds on Numbots.



Essential work

Practise your sounds or spellings and High Frequency words. They are given on Mondays and tested on Fridays.

Can you write your family's birthdays using Roman Numerals?



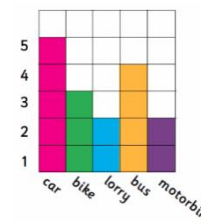
Can you write a secret message using Viking Runes?



Explore dissolving and recovering a substance from solutions by making your own salt crystals.



Collect data from your friends and family and present your results in a graph. You could choose any subject such as number of pets, favourite foods, heights.



Write a diary entry of something you did during the school holidays **with a twist!** It could be a trip to the park but aliens invaded or going swimming when the water turned to gravy!



Create a fact file for the band Bon Jovi as we learn the classic rock song 'Livin' On A Prayer' during our Music lessons.



STAR CHALLENGES

Can you create your own Anglo-Saxon village in a shoebox? Think about the position of the different key elements such as the hall, water source and crop fields.

Can you create a model of a Viking longship?

Be creative! This could be a drawn design or even a 3D model!

Write your own Viking Saga.

A traditional tale to pass on for generations.