

Cassiobury Junior School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2016

Welcome back!! We are very excited to be working with your children this year. As you are aware, there will be some positive changes which will benefit your child's learning and enjoyment of school.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will begin the year developing number work skills with an exciting investigation at the end of each week! Please make sure that your child practises their times tables on a daily basis. In our lessons, we will be playing times tables games and it is essential that the children are fluent in their tables. There are many games and apps available which will encourage your child to practise at home. Please see the useful links below for some ideas:

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/10-minutes-a-day-times-tables/id775904110?mt=8>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

English

In English, we will be focusing on developing our use of writing skills across a range of genres, including: suspense writing, myths & legends and explanation texts. It is important that your child starts to use higher level vocabulary in their writing in *all* subjects. In order to achieve this, it is essential that you read with your child on a daily basis, using a wide range of good quality texts. Please see the link below for some ideas:

<http://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2>

The Year 5 Team:

- ☺ 5D - Mrs Drucker
- ☺ 5G - Miss George
- ☺ 5P - Mrs Pyatt
- ☺ Mrs Diaz is the TA for year group.
- ☺ Mrs Bell will be assisting in Guided Reading.
- ☺ Mrs Sanderson will be assisting in Mathematics.

Science

Aut 1: Earth and Space

We will be exploring the solar system, finding out the reasons for the seasons and why we have day and night. Do you know which planet's day is longer than its year and why that is so?!

Aut 2: Forces

Get ready Physicians! Have you ever been curious as to why planets don't just wander off into space,? We will find out the answer to this as well as investigating Newton's Laws of Motion.

Geography/ History

Aut 1: London is Calling!!!

Your children are going design a guide for tourists. We will be making use of this fabulous city.

Aut 2: Ancient Greece. Maths, science, medicine, democracy, philosophy and theatre - where it *all* started!! If you have an old white sheet (Athenians) or can make a tunic from an old white shirt (Spartans) - get dressed for the occasion as we go back in time!

RE - Judaism and Christianity

We will spend the year examining Jewish and Christian calendar festivals and ceremonies. This term we will look at the story of Creation, the Laws of Shabbat, the Days of Awe, Harvest Festival, Chanukah and Christmas. We finish off the term with the enchanting Christingle Service lead by Year 5, as directed by Mrs Bell.

Computing

Aut 1 - Scratch Programming

Aut 2 - Graphical Modelling using object-based graphics software

Art/DT

Aut 1: Silhouettes

We will be linking our art work to our Geography topic.

Aut 2: Greek Pottery

Your children will be making some fabulous Ancient Greek pots in DT.

Español.

Después de revisar los saludos y las instrucciones de clase, colores y números; estudiaremos alimentos y bebidas. Tapas ... mmm! También vamos a celebrar la Navidad en España.

After reviewing greetings and classroom instructions, colours and numbers; we will study food and beverages. Tapas ... mmm! We will also celebrate Christmas in Spain.

PE

We will be improving our skills in Hockey, Netball, Dance and Gymnastics.

PHSE

We will celebrate diversity and difference while focusing on improving your child's confidence and social skills.

Music lead by Mrs Lloyd, the children will be refining their singing skills focusing on songs about London. After half term the children will move onto Scat singing and vocal improvisation.

**Delight in difference;
build friendship on respect.**

Save the Date!!!

Year 5 Class Meeting - 12th September 14:30 - 15:15

Big Me' Day (details to follow) 14th October

Class Assemblies: 5P - November 18th, 5D - December 2nd, 5G - December 9th (09:00 start)