

Cassiobury Junior School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 2017

Welcome back!! We hope you had a good holiday and are ready to start the new year with enthusiasm! We will be starting a new Maths scheme and will hopefully be organizing some exciting school visits....

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will be looking at decimals, fractions and their relationship to one another. We will also move on to look at some Geometry, properties of 2D and 3D shapes, and measurement, including time. We are going to be using a new scheme- Abacus- which will involve the children having their own log-ins and being set on-line 'fun' homework! The children will be taking part in 'Quick Maths' activities every day outside of the Maths lesson and 'Fluency Fitness' which will check your child's understanding of the current week's work.

English

In English, we will be starting with poetry, looking particularly at poetic style and free verse. The poems we are studying are 'Goodnight Stroud' by Pie Corbett and 'Last Night I saw the City Breathe' by Andrew Fusek Peters. We will also be covering persuasive writing, and looking at stories by significant children's authors. In this last unit, we will look in detail at the works of Jeremy Strong.

Science

Properties of matter- reversible and irreversible changes.

We will be comparing and grouping together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. We will be learning that some materials dissolve in liquid to form a **so-lution**, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. Therefore if you keep getting 7 spoonfuls of sugar in your tea you will know why!

History

Queen Victoria, the Victorians and life as a Victorian child.

The children will be introduced to Queen Victoria and put the era on a timeline. We will also be finding out what life would have been like for children in Victorian times. Hopefully this will be reinforced by a school trip, about which we will send more details nearer the time.

RE - Judaism and Christianity

In RE we will learn about the Jewish festivals Kashrut, Tu b'Shvat, Purim and Passover. We will also look at the Christian festivals Easter and Lent.

Computing

Morphing Images.

Firstly we will study graphic imaging, and the uses in the real world. Then, after half-term we will be animating our own stories!

Art/DT

Portraits and Pop art.

The children will be reproducing a portrait of Queen Victoria and then looking at the different styles of 'Pop Art' including studying the works of Andy Warhol.

Español.

Food and Drink.
Music.
Places and directions.
Seasons
Space!

PE

We will be improving our skills in Athletics and beginning Tag Rugby, moving on to Dance in Spring 2.

PSHE

The topics covered this term will be:
Going for goals.
Barriers for learning.
Disabilities.
Know myself as a learner.

The Year 5 Team:

- ☺ 5D - Mrs Drucker
- ☺ 5G - Miss George
- ☺ 5P - Mrs Pyatt
- ☺ Mrs Diaz is the TA for year group.
- ☺ Mrs Sanderson will be assisting in Mathematics.
- ☺ Mrs Munro will be working with 5P in Spring 1.

Music—the children will be learning how important music in films is and composing their own piece to fit to an animation. We will also be restarting the Year 5 Choir after half term so come along and have fun!

No two flowers bloom in exactly the same way!

Save the Date!!!

Class Assemblies: 5D- 24th February, 5G- 3rd March, 5P- 17th March