

Welcome to the summer term in Year 5. What a busy and exciting time lies ahead!

Our focus in English is on story writing and explanation texts. Please continue to encourage your child to practise spellings at home as well as reading regularly. We expect pupils to have their reading diaries signed 3 times per week by an adult at home. To encourage the enjoyment of reading, we will visit Hyson Green library and Pine class will be holding a book tasting event in May (Lime and Maple have already held theirs).

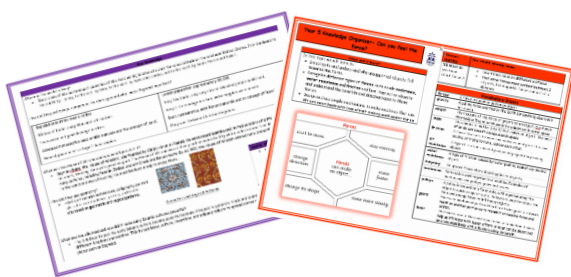
In Maths, we will continue our work on fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as learning about shape and measures. Pupils should continue to practise their times tables and they can use Times Tables Rockstars to support with this.

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As well as English and maths, we are beginning the term with art and DT linked to our history topic on the *Golden Age of Islam*. Then, we learn about *Life Cycles* in science. Our final topic of the year is *Berridge then or now – which is best?* We will compare school today with how it was decades ago and will be visited by a number of former pupils.

For each topic there will be a **Knowledge Organiser** sent home electronically which gives details of what will be studied, key vocabulary and links to helpful websites should your child wish to extend their school work at home. Each topic has *Home Learning Challenges* too which children may complete to supplement their studies.



Our knowledge organisers look like this and are colour coded too.

P.S.H.E. topics this term will include:

- *Identity, society and equality* - We will look at the diversity of relationships and stereotyping in society.
- *D.A.T.E. (Drugs, alcohol and tobacco education)* - This will highlight the dangers of drug, alcohol and tobacco use and, through role play, will equip the pupils with some tools to tackle peer pressure relating to these.
- *Puberty* - These sessions will NOT involve sex education, but will explain the changes that humans go through during puberty. Boys and girls will be taught separately.

We will also be holding a graduation event for our Mini-Police Programme in April. Look out for a separate invitation.

As the weather warms up, children should continue to bring a water bottle; this should be taken home every night for washing. School uniform should also be worn at all times (black shoes or trainers please) and PE kits brought in on Mondays for any sessions throughout the week.

It is important your child comes to school every day so they can continue to make progress with their learning. Missing school does mean your child can fall behind and it can be difficult to catch up. If your child needs medicine during the day, please speak to the school office who can complete forms and help make arrangements. Coughs and colds are normal and these should not prevent children coming to school on a regular basis. Please speak to the school office who can assist if you have queries over absence.

We're all looking forward to a successful and enjoyable final term.