



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2024



Mr Coleman, Mrs Pagan, Mrs Brackley and Mr Williams

This half term we are learning:

English: In English, our sentence stacking is initially based around the short video: 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore.' We will then move on to basing our work around biographical writing and we will be learning about the life of Hatshepsut who was an ancient Egyptian pharaoh.

Maths: To begin the academic year, the majority of our work will be based around place value and the four operations.

Science: We will be learning about the different stages of life, as well as looking at the gestation periods of different animals. The unit of work is called: 'Growing Up and Growing Old'.

History: We begin by looking at the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around the key geographical features of the U.K.

Art: The children will be weaving with different materials, e.g. paper and wool.

Music: The children will be singing and playing a range of different instruments related to the 'Blues.'

French: In French, the children are learning about vocabulary associated with animals and pets.

PSHE: The children will be looking at what it means 'Being Me In My World.'

PE: In PE this half-term, the pupils will be learning dodgeball skills with Mr Cross.

RE: The children will be learning about Christianity and where the Christian bible came from.

Computing: During this half-term, we will be improving our word processing skills with Google Docs.

Message from the teachers:

All of the teachers are very pleased with how the children have settled back into school in Year 5. This term promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities and growth for your children. Pupils will have P.E. on a Wednesday and Thursday. It is important that your child dresses suitably for both days in accordance with the school's uniform policy. Forest School will take place each half-term and you will receive a text with the date of this shortly. Reading is an area we are continuing to promote. All children should be coming home with a reading book from school to read at home (if they are not already reading a book at home). We appreciate your co-operation with this and cannot emphasise enough how important it is to instil a love of books in children from a young age. Thank you for your continued support and we are excited to work with you and your child to ensure a successful and rewarding experience.

Suggested Home Learning Activities

The most important thing you can do with your child is to encourage them to read. We hope that all children have the opportunity to read for at least 15 - 20 minutes every day at home. In school, the children in Year 5 have enjoyed reading independently upon arrival and reading their class reader together at the end of the school day.

With regard to Maths, times tables, number bonds and telling the time are other areas that children can benefit hugely from practising at home. Try to encourage your child to make the most of the school's subscription to *Times Tables Rock Stars* - a great way to practise timetables. Finally, we will also be setting two pieces of homework each week: one will be paper based and one will be set on *Purple Mash*. Please encourage your children to give the homework a go!