



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 2, 2024

Mr Coleman, Mrs Brackley, Mrs Pagan and Mr Williams



This half term we are learning:

English: In English, we will be sentence stacking, including a poetry unit of work.

Maths: This half-term, we will be learning about the following aspects of Maths: fractions, angles, shape, decimals and the four operations.

Science: We will be learning about different forces, '*Let's Get Moving*'.

History: Our History topic for Autumn 2 is '*The Changing Role of Women*'.

Geography: Our geographical work for this half-term will be based around The Grand Canyon.

Art / D&T: The children will be learning all about Pop Art, including significant artists like: Any Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

Music: The pupils will be using Beethoven's Fifth Symphony as a vehicle to create a graphic score and their own piece of music in their lessons with Mrs Walters.

French: In French, the children are learning about vocabulary associated with the weather.

PSHE: The children will be '*Celebrating Difference*'.

PE: In PE, which will be taught by Mr Cross, the pupils will be learning how to sequence a dance routine which flows gracefully and smoothly.

RE: The children will be learning about why Muhammad is important to Muslims.

Computing: During this half-term, we will be using Purple Mash to improve our Coding skills.

Message from the teachers:

Can you believe that one half term has already been completed? A huge well done to all of the pupils for their hard-work and effort. An obvious highlight of the first half-term was our trip to Tamworth Castle where the pupils' behaviour was exemplary. It was also fantastic to be able to discuss each child's progress during the parent consultations before the half-term break.

We always encourage a love for reading in school. We appreciate all of your support in this. It is outstanding to see how many children are excited to read in the mornings and how each class loves listening to their class book at the end of the day.

As teachers, we know that Year 5 will continue their hard work and dedication for this next half term and beyond.

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 continue 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!