



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 5 Newsletter – Summer 2, 2024

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This half term, we are learning:

English: In English, we initially continue our sentence stacking based around the book, 'Kick' by Mitch Johnson. Our work will then focus on poetry through using 'The Write Stuff'.

Maths: This term, we will be learning about the following aspects of Maths: measure; time; doubling and halving; reflection and rotation; perimeter and area; interpreting data; division; money and 3D shape.

Science: We will be completing our STEM unit of work. The project is called: 'Eggstronauts'.

History: We are looking at local historical people of interest.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based the diverse continent of South America.

Art / D&T: We will be learning all about abstract art.

Music: The children will be learning how to perform using vocal and body percussion.

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

PSHE: The children will be learning about 'Changing Me'.

PE: In PE this half-term, the pupils will be doing rounders and athletics with Mr Cross.

RE: This half-term, the focus of the pupils' learning in RE will be: 'Belief in our Community'.

Computing: During this half-term, we will be learning all about how to stay safe when we are online.

Message from the teachers:

As we complete the last few weeks of this academic year, it is with a big smile that we look back on what the pupils have achieved and the memories we have created. We have enjoyed a wonderful visit from a mobile planetarium, which enhanced our learning about the solar system. We also had a memorable trip to Tamworth Castle - in torrential rain! Of course, we have lots of enjoyable events to look forward to as well. For example, during this half-term, there is Sports Day, in addition to a number of inter-school competitions. There are also more opportunities to take our learning outside and enjoy the fairer weather.

Finally, once again, reading remains a school focus. It is fantastic to see the pupils engaging and enjoying the books that they read. We appreciate your continued co-operation with this and cannot emphasise enough how important it is to instil a love of books in children from a young age.

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 also set 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!