

Les Landes School

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Year 5

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! I hope everybody had a happy and healthy holiday and are ready for the busy and exciting term ahead. Please find below a summary of the learning opportunities we will be enjoying this term. Please come to me if you have any questions or concerns.

English

Our English lessons this term will focus on:

- 'Journey' by Aaron Becker – a picture book we will use as a stimulus for letter writing.
- Street Child by Belie Doherty - a Victorian story which will lead us to step into the character's shoes and write as them.
- Other texts we will look at include 'Wild Boy' by Rob Lloyd Jones, 'Way Home' by Libby Hathorn and classic poetry by Lewis Carroll, including 'Jabberwocky'. Our class reader will be 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Raúf.

Using these texts we will explore different aspects of grammar including expanded noun phrases, using parentheses and informal/formal dialogue. We will write flashbacks, character descriptions and poetry.

Spellings will be set weekly each Friday. Attached is also the list of 100 statutory spellings for year 5/6. These will be covered over the next two years, but any additional practise will help your child.

In Year 5 all children write in pen, but we are continuing to work on clear joined writing aiming for fountain pen.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will learn about:

- Place value up to 1,000,000
- Addition and subtraction, checking calculations and using the inverse.
- Multiplication including common multiples, common factors, prime, cube and square numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10,100,1000.
- Exploring adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators, comparing fractions and converting mixed numbers to improper fractions.

For homework, the class need to continue to work on their times tables assignments on TTRS. We will be doing a weekly times tables test on Wednesdays to support, consolidate and track this learning.

PSHE

This autumn, we will explore how our brain and mind work through the *My Happy Mind* programme. We will learn about key parts of the brain and how our emotions affect us. We'll discover strategies such as Happy Breathing to manage stress and understand how our feelings can change in different situations. Through the *Places* unit, we will learn to recognise and manage our emotions while identifying trusted adults we can turn to for support. Finally, the *Celebrate* module will help us understand our unique character strengths, encouraging us to develop these qualities and appreciate the strengths in others, building confidence and resilience.

Other Subjects

In History, we will be looking at 'The Victorians'. We will learn about Queen Victoria and her life as Queen, the significant events that took place during the Victorian era, social change, great inventions, the Industrial revolution and we will be investigating the similarities and differences to life today.

In Art, we will also be looking at the artist 'William Morris' and painting and printing influenced by his style. **In D/T** we will be developing woodworking skills and learning to use cams to make automated Victorian Cam Toys.

Our **Science** work this term covers:

- **Forces** - the Life of Isaac Newton, exploring gravity, air and water resistance, investigating levers, gears and pulleys and testing to see what will sink or float.

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- **Materials** -looking at liquids, solids and gases, their properties and devising experiments to test them.

Our **RE** this term will examine:

- **Why Christians believe that God is good and kind** – looking at biblical texts to understand the Christian view of 'God'.
- **What it means to be a Muslim in Britain today**- looking at the Muslim population in Britain and how their faith affects the way they live.

In **Music** we will be working from an exciting new music programme 'Sparkyard' and exploring rhythm, improvising on instruments, learning about composers, and performing together in small ensembles.

PE lessons will be on a **Wednesday and Thursday** this half term. Please come to school wearing PE kit and trainers. **Bikeability** this term is Wednesday 16th September. For this, the children will need to have a bike in good working order and a helmet. If this is difficult for you, please speak to me.

In computing, we will focus on making quizzes, using and creating databases and creating games. We will look at e-safety, looking at the reliability of online sources, how to protect themselves online and act responsibly. At all times, children are expected to follow the 'Acceptable Use Policy' which they will sign and which is displayed clearly in the classroom and in the ICT suite.

Homework

- **Reading:** Please encourage your child to read at home every day for **15 minutes**. Please sign in the reading record book to acknowledge this. Books are checked on Fridays.
- **Spellings:** Please support your child with learning their weekly spellings. Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following week. We recommend the children practise by the 'look, say, cover, write, check' method.
- **Maths:** Daily practise of TTRS (7x 1 minute games in the 'garage' section.) TTRS homework is checked on a Friday. A times tables test takes place on a Tuesday.

Completion of homework makes children eligible for selection to for School teams.

Additional Information

- This term Mr Gallichan will be taking the class on a Tuesday Morning and Thursday afternoon.
- Please ensure that jumpers and cardigans are clearly marked with your child's name.
- We encourage the children to drink and refill throughout the day. These water bottles should have a capacity of no more than 1 litre.
- If you have an old shirt suitable for use as a painting apron, please send it in. We also welcome any old newspapers for art activities.

Wednesday 16th September – Bikeability level 1

Thursday 24th September - Victorian Museum and Town visit and festival of words.

TBC – Cross Country at les Quennevais

Wednesday 9th December Class Assembly

Monday 13th December – Victorian Day - 'Christmas themed!' more info to follow.

Finally, welcome again to Year 5. Attached, is a weekly timetable for this term to help your child be organised and prepared.

Please come to me if there are any concerns or ways I can help.

Yours faithfully,

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