



Curriculum Newsletter



Summer Term



Welcome back to the children's last term at Blakeley Heath. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. As the Covid restrictions lift, we aim to add some exciting activities to the end of term in order to give the children happy memories of year 5.

Our topic this half term is Scream Machine, we'll be designing and making our own rollercoaster ride, exploring theme parks around the UK and comparing Alton Towers to Disneyland! We'll also be looking at the history of Disneyland. For our final topic in Year 5 we are going on a magical journey to Alchemy Island.

Reading and Spellings

Our class text this half term is 'Journey to Jo'burg' written by Beverley Naidoo. Our reading and writing lessons will be based around the text.

It is vital that the children continue to read and learn their spellings at home.

In year 5, we would like to children to read for at least 10 minutes a day. We'd love everyone to complete the million word reading challenge and are delighted that we already have two millionaire readers in Year 5.

Every Thursday, the children have a spelling test. A copy of the spellings for the term can be found in your child's reading journal. We have also uploaded a copy to the school's website under the Curriculum and Assessment tab. Children can practice their weekly spelling on Spelling shed.

<https://www.spellingshed.com/>

Please support your child to read and learn their spellings each week.

Maths

In maths we will consolidating our work on decimals from the Spring term and moving onto adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals. We will then move onto shape work with a focus on angles, symmetry and reflection. Following this will be looking at metric and imperial units of measure and exploring volume and capacity. In order to prepare the children for Year Six, we will ensure the children are proficient when working with the four operations. There will be a heavy focus on reasoning and problem solving in the summer term.

Please ensure your child completes one My Maths activity per week. <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

They also need to practice their multiplication skills. A fun way to do this is through the Times Tables Rock Stars site.

<https://www.ttrockstars.com/>

All passwords can be found in your child's reading journal.

PE and Games

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in a royal or navy blue tracksuit with a white t-shirt. In the summer, blue shorts can be worn. No jewellery please and long hair needs to be tied back for PE lessons.

Year 5 will continue to have PE/Games lessons on a Monday and a Thursday.

Uniform

At Blakeley Heath, children should wear the following:

- *Grey shorts/trousers/dress or shirt
- *Pale blue shirts/blouse
- *Royal blue V necked jumper or cardigan
- *A tie
- *White or grey socks
- *Blue and White dress in the summer.
- *Black school shoes (not trainers)

Learning behaviours



We have introduced new characters to the children in order to promote learning behaviours. In the spring term, our focus was on resilience and how to be a resilient learner. The children were introduced to 'Ranvir Resilience'.



For the summer term, we will teach the children about the importance of perseverance and will be introducing them to a new character, 'Percy Perseverance'.