



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Term 5 2021/22

Hello everyone. This newsletter aims to give you an overview of the exciting learning we have planned for Term 5. We all hope you enjoyed a restful Easter break and have recharged your batteries for another eventful and exciting term!

If you have any questions please speak with any member of the Senior Leadership Team or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack.

We would also like to reiterate that we encourage our KS2 children to bring in a **healthy snack** from home to have at break time. **This may include a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.** Other snacks (such as crisps, biscuits and chocolate) are only to be eaten at lunch time if they are brought in at all.

As a healthy school, we also ask that children are not given sweets in their packed lunches (such as Haribo) to eat during lunchtime. Thank you for your support with this.

English



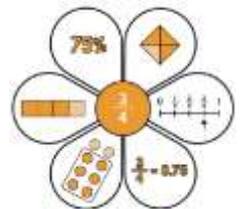
Writing

In English this term, we will be using the film 'One Small Step' to inspire our writing. We will be using focusing on describing characters and settings and will be looking closely at how to write dialogue so that it tells us more about the character and is punctuated accurately. We will then write our own narrative pieces and, at the end of the term, create a non-fiction information text relating to our Space learning.

Reading

Maths

In Maths this term, we will begin by revisiting all of our previous fractions learning to ensure that this is fully understood. We will be finding fractions of amounts, adding and subtracting fractions and finding equivalent fractions.



After this, we will be developing our geometry skills by focusing on reflections and translations and practising how to accurately draw shapes using rulers and protractors to measure.

This term's Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS) focus on measure and how we can use particular facts to convert between units of measuring length. In addition to these KIRFS, if your child does not yet know their times tables facts instantly, please continue to support them with learning these. There is a real impact on children's confidence, accuracy and speed of calculation when they

We kindly ask that you read with your children at least 5 times a week. We ensure an adult reads with your child as often as possible in school but it is crucial that your child practises at home as well to develop their fluency, intonation and comprehension. As your child's decoding and fluency skills develop, the focus of your reading at home may change to be more about their expression and understanding of their book. Remember to use the questions in the reading records to support you with discussing the text after reading. If you need any further assistance with this, or any book suggestions, please get in touch.

know all of their times tables and it will benefit them hugely now, and as mathematicians in the future.

As discussed with many of you at parents evening, your children are fantastic at identifying which areas of maths they are excelling in and which they find more challenging. Please contact me if you would like any advice in supporting your children with maths at home, or with any additional resources. Sometimes, a little bit of extra independent practise is all that is needed to build your child's mathematical confidence.

Foundation Subjects

Our topic this term is 'Journey into the Unknown'.

It's an exciting scientific topic where we will be learning all about The Solar System. As scientists, we will be learning about the different planets, finding out how they move and learning about how scientists understanding of space has changed overtime.

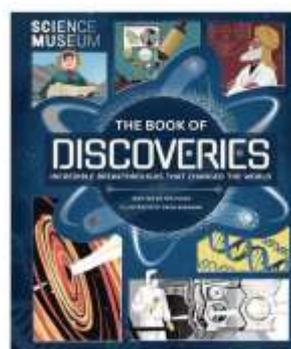
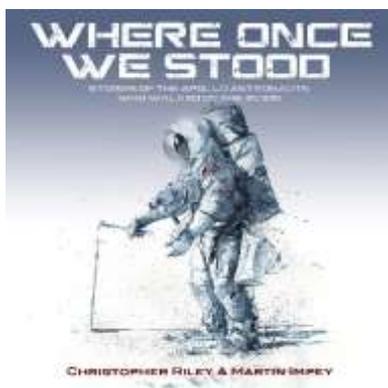
We will investigate light and dark by looking at why we have night and day and how shadows are formed. We will also be looking at the role of light in vision and how it travels.

This term, we will also begin developing our musical skills as we have a specialist music teacher coming in weekly to teach us how to play the ukulele. We will also be taking our learning outdoors in our weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Gray when we will be completing a range of interesting activities which allow us to explore this wonderful natural space.

Please refer to your child's 'Journey into the Unknown' knowledge organiser to better understand what your child is learning about in school.

'Journey into the Unknown' Reading Spine

These are a selection of books Year 5 children will be exploring during this topic. They have been carefully selected as high quality texts to support your child's learning of the curriculum. We invite children to read these books during their free-reading time in school but you may also want to grab a copy for your own bookshelves at home!



	<p>Your child will be taking part in P.E on Wednesday (with Mr Wiltshire) and Thursday (with Mrs Sweet).</p> <p>We ask that children come to school dressed in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E. We would like to remind our families that this involves wearing their teams coloured T-shirt (plain, no slogans), black/navy blue shorts or black/navy blue jogging bottoms and trainers/daps. Usual school sweatshirt/ cardigan can be worn with this – no other sweatshirts to be worn please. If you do not know which house your child is in, please email the class email address – Northamericaclass@gmail.org.uk</p>
	<p>We will continue to send home your child's homework for the entire term. This will include the term's spelling words/rules and Maths Instant Recall Facts. We would love to see any evidence of these activities in your homework books and we will be asking for homework books to be brought back into school on Wednesday 25th May. These will then be marked and returned to your child at the beginning of Term 6.</p> <p>Also, we would like to remind you that your child is able to log on with their purple mash logins to complete any extra homework and practise their learning at home. There is a great times tables game on here called Monster Multiplication, which all of the children have been shown in school.</p>
	<p>Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day. We do ask that the children are not given fruit juice/squash in these bottles. Also please make sure that their belongings including school uniform, PE kit, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are all clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We ask children not to bring toys or items from home into school unless invited to do so by their class teacher.</p>

Year 5 Term 5 Key dates:

- 29th April Inset Day (school closed to children)
- 2nd May Bank Holiday (school closed)
- 12th May School disco
- 20th May Spirituality Day
- 27th May Last day of term