

### **Homework**

- It is essential pupils complete maths, spelling and reading homework every week. Maths and spellings homework is sent home weekly with a purple homework book and is also posted every Thursday onto the school website.
- Completed weekly homework should be returned to school by the following Thursday.
- A topic grid is sent home termly with additional suggested activities to compliment your child's learning in class.
- Homework is not marked in as much detail as your child's normal work but your child may receive house points or special recognition awards for their efforts in their homework.
- Maths homework answers are posted on the school website. Please check the answers with your child and use the answers to help your child try and work out how to do any questions they initially get stuck on.
- If you have any problems or queries please speak to your child's class teacher.

<https://pixmore.herts.sch.uk/classes/year-5/year-5-homework/>



### **Helping your child with reading**

As part of their homework, all pupils are required to read regularly; approximately **15 minutes every day**. As a parent, you can play an important role in helping your child learn to read. Research shows that children who are helped at home make better progress in school. This video has top tips for reading with your child at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OG2Q6pPQYw&t=23s>



Pixmore's reading at home top tips include:

- Make reading part of your daily routine
- Be supportive and positive during this time, please comment in their diary.
- If they get stuck on a word, you could:
  - ✓ let them read on so they can work out the word themselves from the context
  - ✓ point to a picture if it will help them guess the meaning
  - ✓ give them the first or last sounds to help them
  - ✓ read the word for them (especially if it is a Proper Name)
  - ✓ when they are confident with sounds, let them sound out unknown words – break longer words down into syllables
  - ✓ do not sound out words which are not phonetic e.g. 'because'
- When a mistake is self-corrected or a previously unknown word is recognised, praise highly.
- Encourage expressive reading by drawing attention to punctuation.

### **P.E.**

- Year 5 will have PE on a **Wednesday** and a **Thursday**
- They need to come to school wearing their PE kit: house coloured T-Shirt, shorts/tracksuit and trainers.
- If the weather is wet this term, pupils will also need a coat to keep them dry.
- Please ensure that hair is tied up and that your child is not wearing any jewellery, including earrings.

## **Year 5**

### **Autumn Term 2022**

### **Curriculum Update**



### **Important Dates for the Term**

Meet the teacher – 14<sup>th</sup> September 3:30pm

Geography day – 10<sup>th</sup> October

Individual photos – 12<sup>th</sup> October

Space trip – 13<sup>th</sup> October

Open afternoon for adults to look at books – 18<sup>th</sup> October

Half term – WB 24<sup>th</sup> October

Year 5 assembly – 10<sup>th</sup> November

Victorian day – 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Assessment week – WB 5<sup>th</sup> December

Last day – 21<sup>st</sup> December (finishing at 12pm)

## **English**

Our writing this term will be linked to Space for the first half. The children are going to write a diary entry as Neil Armstrong, a news report about the first moon landing and a science fiction narrative. The second half term will be based on the story Oliver Twist as this links to the Victorians.

## **Mathematics**

This term is based on number and calculation. We will first explore 7 digit numbers (comparing them, ordering them and rounding them). In the second half of the term, we will be recapping the formal methods for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication and we will use these to calculate with larger numbers.

## **Computing**

We have two units this term, systems and searching and web page creation. In our first unit, the children will develop their understanding of computer systems and how to find information on the World Wide Web, through search engines. In our web page creation unit, they will be exploring creating websites for a chosen purpose and identifying what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website using Google Sites.

## **Topic (History / Geography)**

In the first half term we will be studying aspects of human and physical geography in the UK and refreshing our map skills. Children will learn how to use various types of maps including local, world, political and physical. After half term, we will begin our history topic which is the Victorians. As well as exploring what life was like for the Victorians, we will learn about how inventions and laws from the Victorian era have impacted today's society.

## **Science**

This term will be will studying Earth and space and forces. Earth and space is in the first half term and we will be looking at the planets and their names and properties as well as discussing how they move around the sun. In forces, we will be looking at a different force each week such as gravity and friction and writing and doing experiments to find out more about each force.

## **Art & DT**

In art during the first half term, the children are undertaking an artist study about the life and work of Laurel Burch. They will be producing their own piece of art work inspired by her style. After half term, we will be learning drawing skills and producing some observational sketches.

## **French**

In Autumn term, we will be exploring phonics, animals and how to say the date.

## **Music**

This term our music sessions will be based on rehearsing songs for the Upper School Carol Concert.

## **RE**

This term, year 5 will be revisiting Christianity but also learning about Judaism. For both religions, we will look at symbols, place of worship, festivals and rules for living.

## **PE**

We will be looking at basketball, table tennis and swimming this term. We will be focusing on what we have to do when attacking and defending in basketball also understanding how we can shoot in different ways. Table tennis we will focus on serving, returning and learning how to play around the table using different shots.

From the 22nd of September, PE will be swimming on a Thursday morning for some children. These children should come to school with their swimming clothes underneath their uniform. If children are not swimming, they will need to come in PE kit

## **Learning for life**

This term we will be covering a wide variety of topics with the main themes being the Pixmore way. First aid, death and grief and at the end of the term, we will spend some time discussing puberty.

# ***Learning Milestones – Autumn 2022***

## **Year 5's Autumn Term Learning Milestones**

- *To be able to tie their shoelaces.*
- *To be responsible for remembering when the PE days are and when they should come into in PE kit and to bring in a water bottle every day.*
- *Be able to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks.*