



# Year 5 Curriculum News



## Welcome Back

This term we will be exploring North America and the USA. This will involve lots of geographical discovery and comparisons between North America and the United Kingdom. In Science we will be investigating fair tests and understanding life cycles. In History we will be learning about changes in Great Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In Music this term we will be continuing to learn to play a range of instruments to accompany musical composition.



## Spelling and writing

**Spellings** will be set and assessed on Fridays. The children will have their spelling lists in their planners. We expect the children to apply the words that they have been given in full sentences in their home learning book.

We are striving incredibly hard to help your child make progress in their writing. We expect all work to be well presented and all work should be punctuated accurately.



## Reading

Thank you for your support and comments in your child's reading record so far. We will be closely monitoring reading carried out at home and providing the children with recommended books to read. Please do continue to listen to your child read regularly and record the book(s) they have read in their planner. Children should read at least four times per week at home. They should read to an adult at home at least once per week.

Your child will be provided with suitably challenging questions for you to ask them, to develop their comprehension skills. The website below has an excellent selection of books for your child to read...

<http://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>



## P.E. Kit

The children will be having PE lessons at least twice a week. Please ensure both indoor and outdoor P.E kits are in school every day as timetables can be subject to change and additional sporting activities sometimes take place. An outdoor PE kit consists of: trainers, black jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, white socks and school tracksuit top or plain black or red fleece. An indoor kit consists of red or white shorts, white socks and white logo'd t-shirt. No item of clothing which they wear as part of the normal school day should be worn for PE. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped up only if pierced in the last 6 weeks.

## Sport and P.E.

We have already begun practising the skills necessary for rounders. This term we will also be developing our skills in gymnastics, athletics and tennis.



## North America and the United States of America

We will be learning about the geography, cultures and traditions of North America. We will be linking this to our Literacy work by studying, and later writing, traditional, native American legends, tales and fables. So far we have studied the countries which make up the North American continent, and the states which constitute the USA. We have also written a report on an American state.



Additionally, we will be learning about: significant American authors; geographical similarities and differences in North America; American poetry and an in depth study of a state in the USA.



### Did you know:

There are 50 states in the United States of America, including Hawaii and Alaska.

North America consists of 23 countries that divide up the continent. Canada and the United States comprise nearly 80% of the total land area!

### Bikeability

This term, Year 5 pupils will have the chance to experience Bikeability. Over two days, each group will have the opportunity to complete their 'Level 2 Practical Bikeability Training'.



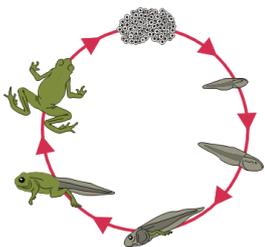
It is essential that children are in school for both of their scheduled sessions. Further details will be given in due course.

### Wilderness Day

We are in the midst of planning a wilderness day, in the local woods. We have lots of exciting activities planned, to enable the children to show off their outdoor skills and provide them with amazing outdoor learning opportunities. While on our wilderness day, we will be focusing on our Moral Compass values, particularly communication, teamwork, perseverance, confidence and respect. More information will be coming your way shortly.



### Lifecycles



In science we will be learning about lifecycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. In addition to this we will be exploring the changes in humans as they develop into old age. We will also be looking at the life Processes and reproduction in some plants and animals.

### Home Learning

Home learning will be set for Maths and English on Fridays and is to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Your child will continue using their school planner to assist them with their organisation. Details of the tasks set will be in writing in their planner or home learning book, for you to check and refer to. Please would you sign in the planner to confirm your child has completed their home learning. We will check this every Wednesday when their home learning is handed in. Your child may also write down any useful websites in school which may be relevant to their tasks.

In addition, we will continue to run a home learning club on a Monday lunch time for any children who require either a quiet place to work or who would like some further support.