

Ally Pally Class, Autumn 2 Curriculum

Newsletter

This term Year 5 children will be learning about and exploring the following areas:

Writing

We will be reading and interpreting the text 'Daedalus and Icarus'. The writing toolkit we will cover this term is based around creating a setting; character reactions, similes, alliteration, powerful place name, perspective, power of 3, describing unusual details, personification, metaphors.

Reading

For our BIG READ this term we will be continuing to read Holes by Louis Sachar.

We will be developing skills of prediction, inference, making connections and looking closely at emotive language.

Once a week, we will also respond to an unseen text. This is to develop and practice our comprehension skills.

Spelling

We practise our spellings on a daily basis. We use the platform 'Spelling Planet' to support us during spelling lessons. As part of their homework, their log book will be sent home so that they can practise the key spelling words from that week.

Science

Our topic this term is forces. We will be experimenting and discussing the impact of air resistance, water resistance, upthrust, gravity on the weight and movement of objects.

History

This term we will be learning about Benin. We will be discussing and reflecting on art, religion, oral history, artefacts related to Benin to delve deeper into its history.

Maths

This term we will be:



- multiples, factors
- prime, square and cube numbers
- multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000
- multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000
- unit and non-unit fractions
- equivalent fractions
- improper and mixed fractions
- order and compare fractions
- add and subtract fractions

Music



We will be continuing our music lessons with Ken on a Monday.

Spanish



Spanish will continue to be taught on Fridays by Raquel.

PSHE

Our focus this term will be on relationships; managing friendships and peer influence; physical contact and feeling safe; responding respectfully and recognizing prejudice and discrimination.

We may also engage with mindfulness and re-engaging activities online to support whole class regulation.

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PE

We will be studying and practising gymnastics on Thursday afternoons. We will also have cricket every Friday with Jerry. Please ensure your children come to school dressed appropriately. Weather permitting, we also participate in the daily mile. Otherwise, we engage with just dance to keep our bodies moving.

Homework

We will send homework home on a Friday, including reading books and reading record. Please return by Wednesday. Homework is a place for your children to celebrate their learning. All work will be familiar to them.

RE



We will be learning about Buddhism this term.

Art

This term we will be looking at the art of:

Yayoi Kusama and Lea Anderson in a project called Unity and Diversity. We will look at the ways these artists use natural forms - circles, gourds etc, experimenting in our sketchbooks, and then going on to create a colourful abstract painting inspired by these ideas.

Upcoming Trips

British Museum – Wednesday 15th November -> **History**

Aladdin at the Hackney Empire – Wednesday 22nd November → **Pantomime**

Please make sure that permission slips are returned promptly.

Thank you in advance for any volunteers for the trips. I will contact you if your help is needed.

Additional

- If anyone has any old games that they would like to donate to our wet play collection, then we will gratefully welcome them to our classroom. This will help to keep the activities replenished when we can't go outside during playtimes.
- Please make sure that your children bring a **waterproof** coat to school every day. If possible, playtimes and exercise will take place outside in the playground.
- Although not banned from school, Pokemon cards are discouraged and the pupils have all been informed that the school can't take responsibility for any lost/damaged cards. Please advise your children accordingly.

Please contact me on Year5@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk

I will be checking emails at least 3 times a week.