

EAST SHEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR FIVE CURRICULUM BULLETIN AUTUMN TERM



Classes 5HM, 5M and 5V

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another fun, rewarding and busy year at ESPS! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and, like us, are looking forward to Year 5!

This is the first of our termly bulletins where we aim to supply you with information concerning areas of the curriculum and important dates for the term ahead. A home/school timetable is also attached for your reference.

We would like to invite you to our Year 5 Curriculum Evening on **Wednesday 11th September at 7pm** in 5HM.

Homework

We encourage the children to read regularly at home, both independently and, where possible, to an adult. We recommend spending 30 minutes a night reading. The children have been given a reading record which they should bring home every night and record what they have read. On a weekly basis, the children will have the opportunity to quiz on the books they have read testing their vocabulary and comprehension knowledge through the Renaissance Reading Scheme. Children use their Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) to choose books in school, with the help of teachers and Mrs. Rixon. There are books at all ZPD levels for different age groups.

Maths homework will be on MyMaths and will be based on the lessons covered during the week. It will be set on Thursdays. Spellings are issued at the beginning of each term and will highlight the spelling rule that we will teach the children each week. On a weekly basis, the children will be given five words that follow the same spelling rule and we would encourage them to investigate other words that contain this spelling rule as part of their homework. The children will be tested on the five words plus an additional five words. 5HM will be tested on a Wednesday whilst 5M and 5V will be tested on a Thursday.

PE Kit

We would ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child has his/her correct PE kit in school on the appropriate days. We advise that indoor kit is kept in school at all times. The correct PE kit is made up of the school blue PE t-shirt, a pair of blue or black shorts for indoor wear and a pair of blue or black tracksuit bottoms for outdoor wear. Children will also need to wear trainers during PE lessons. Please note that football tops are NOT permitted to be worn for PE. Indoor PE will be on Mondays and NSSport outdoor games on Friday afternoons. The children will change into their PE kit in school.

English

The children will take part in four English lessons each week. Our lessons cover all aspects of reading, writing, grammar and punctuation and spoken language. The children will have the opportunity to read and explore a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction texts throughout the year and develop their learning through many drama opportunities. The children will be studying a range of interesting texts this year: The Highwayman (a narrative poem) and 'Beowulf' (a traditional tale to link in with our Viking topic). They will compare the structure and features of different stories and investigate how characters are presented. Children will be working in mixed ability class groups.

Maths

All Maths work will be taught in accordance with the National Curriculum and take place in classes four times per week. A range of areas will be covered this term: number and place value, addition and subtraction, statistics, multiplication and division and perimeter and area. These areas will be taught through the use of mathematical manipulatives and visual aids. We test the children's arithmetic skills on a weekly basis.

Science

During the first half of the term, we will be studying the topic 'Forces' where pupils will explore the force of gravity, identify the effects of air resistance and friction, as well as learning that force and motion can be transferred through mechanical devices. In the second half of the term, the children will study 'Properties and Changes of Materials' and make links to what they have learnt about magnetism and electricity in previous years. The children will take part in a range of investigations and experimental activities, which aim to further their knowledge and understanding of these topics.

Computing

The children will be furthering their programming skills through creating a game using Scratch. In the second half of the term, they will become animators using the iPads and Stop Motion program. They will create animations using their Viking topic as a focus.

History

Our topic for this term is the Vikings. The children will learn about different aspects of the Vikings' lives: their origins, travel and exploration, mythology, warfare and daily life. The children will have the opportunity to be involved in our Viking Day – more information will follow nearer the time.

Art and Design and Technology (DT)

In Art, the children will be looking at the use of different media and techniques focusing around the world of Pop Art, as well as looking at its origins and some of its more famous artists. In DT, the children will research and make their own pieces of Viking jewellery, having first looked at runes and other Viking symbols and found out about Viking art. In order to protect uniform during art activities, we would appreciate it if you could provide an old, large shirt for your child to wear.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

This term we will continue to use the 'Jigsaw' programme of study which integrates PSHE, emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development. The 'Jigsaw' approach is to bring all of these aspects of learning together into one clear picture, helping children to know who they are and understand how they relate to other people in the world. Jigsaw PSHE promotes a mindful approach teaching children how to be more aware of their thoughts and feelings as they happen. The jigsaw piece to be studied in the Autumn Term is *Being Me in My World*.

Physical Education (PE)

Outdoor games will take place on Fridays, and during this term, the children will have the opportunity to develop skills. These sessions are led by sports coaches from the company NSSport. In gymnastics, we will be developing sequence work on the floor and using apparatus. In the second half of the term, we will be studying dance.

Religious Education (RE)

In the second half of term, the children will learn about Christianity with a focus on the Bible and its importance to Christians.

Thinking School strategies are used across the curriculum.

Do please come and see us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Moxom, Carla Hunter and Helena Vardy

Renaissance Reading

Home connect – use this link to view the books read, points and quiz results for your child.

<https://Ukhosted92.renlearn.co.uk/6651189/HomeConnect>

Book Finder – use book finder to view book recommendations for your child and see what books we have in our library using this code:

<http://www.arbookfind.co.uk>

Key code: KJ892563

Book Trust – this is another great website to find book recommendations for your child.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

Dates for your diary:

Curriculum Evening

Wednesday 11th September 7pm 5HM

Viking Day

Wednesday 16th October (Assembly to parents at 9.15am)

Parent Consultations

Thursday 7th November: 3-5pm and 5.45-8pm (early close 2pm)

Tuesday 12th November: 1:15-3pm and 4-6pm

YEAR 5

HOME/SCHOOL TIMETABLE

MONDAY	✓ Indoor P.E. kit needed
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	✓ Spelling test and next spelling rule taught - 5HM
THURSDAY	✓ MyMaths homework issued ✓ Spelling test and next spelling rule taught - 5V and 5M
FRIDAY	✓ Outdoor P.E. kit needed