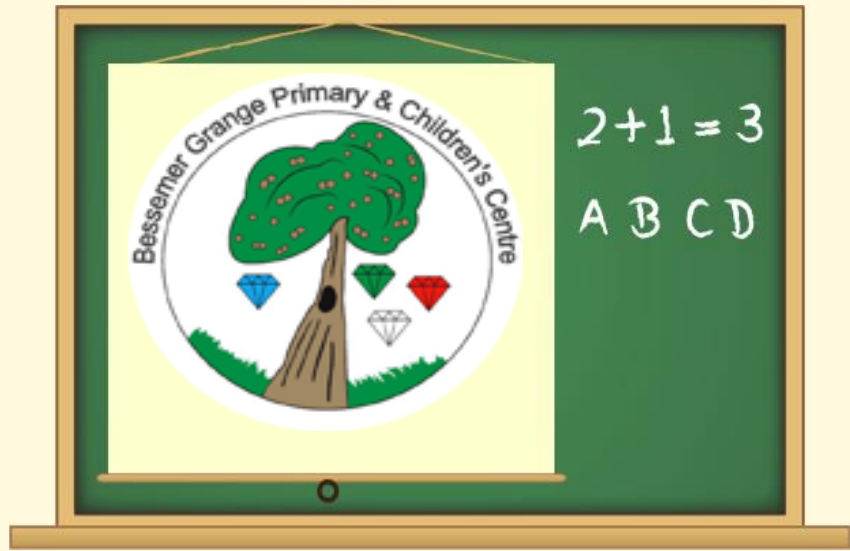


Year 5 Curriculum Letter – Spring 1

Welcome

Hello and welcome back to the Spring 1 half term. We look forward to working in continued partnership with all parents and caregivers in providing a happy, safe and productive learning environment for the students of Year 5 this year.



Learning Content

Please find below an outline of the work we will be covering in Year 5 this half term.

Literacy

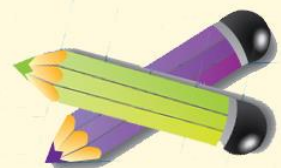
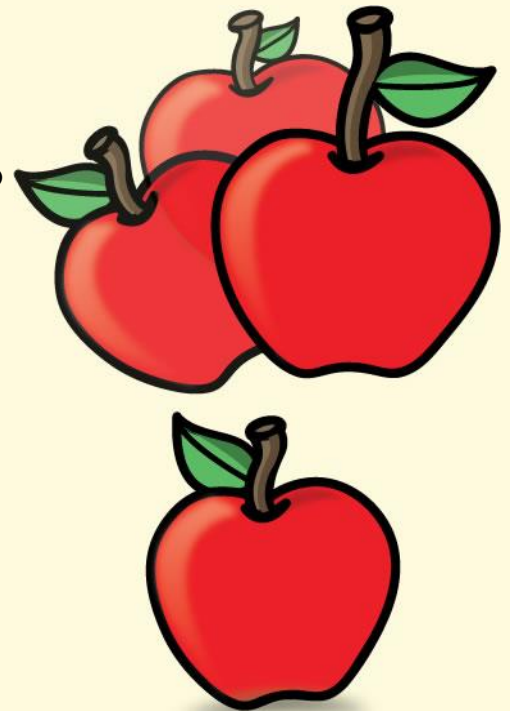
During our literacy lessons, we will be exploring many different genres of texts linked to our topic study *London*. Our work in literacy will be focused around *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd. Throughout this unit we will plan and write persuasive texts, letters, diary entries and narratives. Students will continue their guided reading group activities. Each group will read at least twice a week with the teacher/teacher's aide at an instructional level. Please ensure you continue to support your child's reading, phonic and spelling skills by reading with them at home and completing the set tasks sent home for homework.

Numeracy

This term, the students will cover various units in numeracy including: number and place value (including negative numbers), properties of 2D shapes (including angles), fractions, decimals and percentages.

A major focus will be on developing students' skills in solving problems involving the four operations through mental computation. Please ensure you continue to support your child's learning at home helping them know their times tables and number bonds.

Students will also continue their work with our numeracy rockets. Please support your child by practising the appropriate rocket level at home for our test on Friday.



Topic

This term our topic will be *London*. During our art lessons we will use a wide variety of mediums to appreciate, plan and create artworks related to our unit. We will look at London architecture and natural features of London to inspire our own art. We will create artworks using collage, printing and sketching. In DT we will be planning, creating and evaluating a working bridge. The students will also study the local area, looking at how it has changed through time and designing improvements. Students will continue to attend Samba drumming class each week, delivered by a specialist teacher.

Science

Our science unit for this term is *Forces*. The students will explore different forces including gravity, propulsion, air/water resistance and friction. We will also learn to recognise that some mechanisms including pulleys levers and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. Through investigation and research, students will draw their own conclusions and decide on appropriate ways of recording their results.

Homework

Students will receive half-termly topic based homework to be handed in at the end of this half term.

RE

This term our Religious Education unit is *Hinduism*. We will explore the stories, traditions, symbols and places of worship of the Hindu faith.

PE

During PE lessons we will be developing skills and learning the rules of invasion games including hockey and netball.

Our PE days are **Tuesday** and Thursday so don't forget your kit!

ICT

In ICT this term, we will build and program a mechanism using Lego. The students will continue using programs including Comic life, animate it, Microsoft Publisher and Microsoft Powerpoint to create animations and present their work effectively.

Dates for the Diary

TBC

Trip to the London Eye

