

# Year 5 Class Newsletter - Term 4



## Topic

This term we are continuing our topic of 'Crime and Punishment' into term 4. During term 3, we focused on history objectives and how crime and punishment had changed through the ages. Term 4's focus will be on art and design, looking at graffiti and street art, with the children having an opportunity to create their own with stencils and spray paints at the end of the term.

We will also be dedicating more time to music with the children learning the basics of musical vocabulary and having the chance to play, compose and perform.

## English

**Writing** - Our first piece of writing in term 4 will be a detective story. The children will work on making appropriate word choices to generate mystery and suspense. The children will revisit how to use figurative languages (metaphors, similes and personification) to capture their reader's attention and keep them hooked on their plot.

**Reading** - Year 5 are really enjoying our class reader 'A Place called Perfect' by Helena Duggan. We will be continuing to read this text for enjoyment into term 4 and make comparisons to other characters and stories through our use of linked texts.

**GPS** - We will be continuing to improve the cohesion (flow) of our writing as well as looking at how to use relative clauses to add additional information to both fiction and non-fiction writing.

## Notices

**PE.** - If there is a change to PE days - this will be communicated separately.

**Reading** - a reminder that children should be reading for 20 minutes each day and we would appreciate this being signed off in their reading records.

**Google Classrooms** - If you are at home isolating, all work will be on Google Classrooms for you to complete if you are well enough. We suggest checking you know how to access this as soon as possible. Please let the school know if you need any support.

## Maths

### Fractions

We will be looking at fractions for the first time in year 5 after half term. This will begin with a recap of the year 4 curriculum before we dive into adding, subtracting and multiplying increasingly more complex fractions.

### Decimals and Percentages

Towards the end of term 4, we will begin our topic on decimals and percentages (which will continue into term 5).

At the beginning of each lesson we will continue to recap topics previously taught to pupils so that prior knowledge can stay fresh in their minds, enabling them opportunities to consolidate their learning. Pupils will also continue to work with adults across the year group including focus groups to catch up on lost learning.

## Dates for your Diary:

First day of term - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

World Book Day - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Home Learning Projects Due - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Last day of Term - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

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