



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

- Please ensure reading records are at school on a Monday as they are getting checked on this day every week.
- Swimming is on Thursdays - remember that we come in PE kit.

Key dates

Mon 9th October - 9am Asthma/wheeze drop in morning in the main hall run by paediatric respiratory nurses from Frimley

Weds 11th October - school photos

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Sat 14th October - Farnham Park Cross Country Race

Tues 17th October 3:50pm-7:30pm - Parents Evening in the Main Hall

Thurs 19th October 3:50pm-5:30pm - Parents Evening in the Main Hall

Thurs 19th October 7:30pm - PTA AGM location to be confirmed

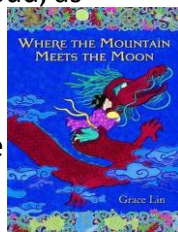
Fri 20th October - topic learning exhibition in classrooms straight after school

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS - 23rd to 27th October

Mon 4th December 9am - Rocksteady concert for parents of children who have Rocksteady lessons

Reading

This term we are reading *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin. This is a fantasy adventure inspired by Chinese folklore, which tells of the quest of the protagonist (Minli) to change her family's fortune. Children have opportunities to listen and read aloud, as well as reading independently. During the lessons, we discuss key vocabulary and questions that improve their understanding of the text.



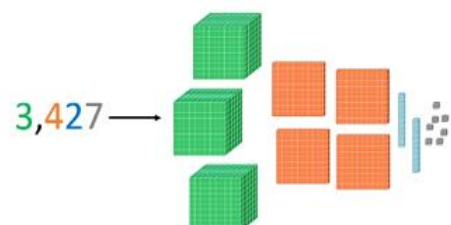
Writing

In writing this term we are learning about different aspects of grammar. We have been using these aspects of grammar to create exciting narratives in our shared writes and in our own independent writing.



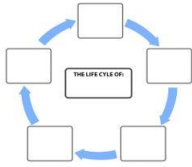
Maths

In maths, we are learning about place value, exploring the composition of numbers in a variety of representations. We will also be learning both mental and formal written methods of addition and subtraction.



Science

This half term, we are learning how to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will also describe the life process of reproduction in plants and learn about famous naturalists.



History

In history this term, the pupils will be learning about how Britain was conquered by the Roman Empire and what life was like as a result. They will then explore how Britain was impacted by the withdrawal of the Roman Empire and the subsequent settling by the Anglo-Saxons.



Art

This half term we are looking at landscapes and how we can draw them using tone, shape and texture. We will then move on to look at Frida Kahlo and her contributions to surrealism before creating our very own surrealist landscapes.



PE

This half term, pupils will be focusing on swimming and learning these key skills.



RE

Our topic in R.E. this half term is Hinduism, specifically learning about their different beliefs. This will include learning about their God and His deities, reincarnation and how they believe they should live their lives.



PSHE

In PSHE this half term, we are focusing on our identities. We will look at what makes up our own identities and then speak about possible stereotypes and the impact these can have.



Homework

Topic homework has been sent home and will be put on seesaw.

Suggested books for reading

