



Edmund Waller

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

Educational Visits

Creekside Education Centre
28th September 2017

Memorable Event

Water Celebration Tuesday 12th December in Rosen Hall
Parents are encouraged to attend

Class Assembly Dates

5M 29.11.17
5W 18.10.17

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 18th October
AND Thursday 19th October

Parents and Carers Drop in

Thursday 5th October
Thursday 12th November
Thursday 7th December

Year 5 - Autumn Term 2017

Meet the Year 5 Staff

5M Mr McArthur
5W Miss Winter
Support Staff: Mrs Davis & Mrs Kenny

Our Topic this Term is Water, Water Everywhere

We will start off our topic by using Michael Morpurgo's *This Morning I Met a Whale* as the basis for our writing, which explores issues such as conservation and the impact of human activity on other species. Later this term, we will be reading the Marcus Sedgwick novel *Floodland* which explores the impact of global warming and rising water levels.

As scientists, we will be investigating changes of state, how these are integral to the water cycle, and how science is applied in the conservation of water: cleaning and filtering. We will be honing our investigative skills: making predictions and hypotheses, conducting accurate tests, recording results and drawing conclusions.

As geographers, we have begun by learning about the features of rivers, how they are used as a utility and how they change landscape over time. We will be using different sources for research such as atlases, the internet and practical investigations.

As artists, we will be looking at underwater worlds with a focus on painting. The children will use their sketchbooks to build up to a final finished piece developing their close observation and drawing skills through the work of Victorian scientific artists.

To develop our role as a global citizen we will learn about the conservation of water, like environmental issues and how global warming affects rainfall.

This will all build towards our memorable event which will be a water celebration showcasing the children's learning during the term.

If you feel you could contribute to the children's learning this term, please talk to your child's class teacher. Please also talk to your class teacher if you are able to accompany us on any of our educational visits.

PE

Children in Year 5 have weekly swimming lessons, which are on Monday afternoons at Glass Mill Leisure Centre in Lewisham. Children will have an additional P.E. lesson once a week (on Tuesdays) and will need a P.E. kit in school for this.

Children without a proper, separate kit cannot take part physically in the lesson.

Home learning

This term children will be provided with a range of home learning activities to extend the learning they complete in school. It will be set on a Thursday and should be returned to school each Monday. In addition, please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes each day and practise their times tables.

If your child has any difficulty completing their home learning, please speak to the class teacher.

Maths

In maths we will begin by learning about place value in large numbers of up to 7 digits. Following on from this, we will be working on standard written calculation methods for all four number operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This year we will also be working on decimals, fractions and percentages and using these to solve real life problems. Later this term we will be learning about measure, length, weight and capacity.

Please work with your child all through the term on their multiplication tables and number bonds (e.g. $44+56 = 100$).

**Year 5 Time tables expectations:
Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12.**

English

In English we will be studying texts related to our topic. Through *Floodland* we will focus on narrative, where children will be exploring how authors use language for effect when describing people, places and events in different settings. We will use improvisation and role-play to explore stories from the point of view of the characters whilst developing the children's use of accurate and creative writing skills. Through *This Morning I Met a Whale* we will be focusing on non-fiction writing; persuasive writing and report writing related to our water topic.

Children will do guided reading activities daily. Please ensure you listen to your child read, and also take time to model reading aloud to them. You could help your child by discussing the story read, opinions of the characters and themes of the book.