



Year 5 Newsletter

Summer 1—2024/2025



Notices and Reminders

PE is on a Monday. A reminder that earrings should be removed.

The trip to Runway's End is next week. Don't forget your packed lunch for the first day!

Drop off by 11 am and pick up by 2:30pm.

Key dates

Start of Summer term 1

Tuesday 22nd April

May Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

School closed

Runway's End residential

Wednesday 7th May – Friday 9th May

May Fair

Saturday 17th May

Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 20th- Friday 23rd May

Half term

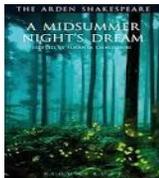
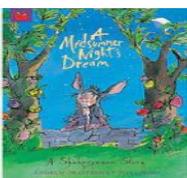
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Start of Summer term 2

Monday 2nd June

Reading

This half term, the children will continue to explore the writing of William Shakespeare with 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The children will then move onto 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson. This is the story of Nat, a young boy, enslaved on a Jamaican plantation, who travels to Britain hoping to gain his freedom.

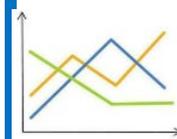


Writing

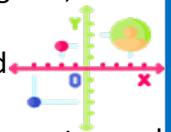
In writing, the children will be writing a narrative and a discussion text. In their narrative learning, they will be learning about how to write a meeting tale and how to use the appropriate grammar to make this exciting. Later in the term, the children will be writing a discussion text, whilst incorporating the appropriate language.



Maths



In maths, the children will be learning about area and perimeter. They will also be looking at statistics and learning how to read and interpret line graphs, tables, and timetables. Their learning will progress onto the topic of degrees, where they will have the opportunity to estimate, draw and calculate angles. Towards the end of this term, the children will learn to read and plot coordinates on a graph and explore position and direction of shapes on a graph.



Science

In science this half term, the children will be learning about forces. They will gain a deeper understanding of gravity before moving on to learn about friction. When learning about air and water resistance, the children will conduct a fair test to see

whether the size of a parachute affects the speed in which it falls.



History

In history this half term, the children will be learning about the Transatlantic Slave Trade. They will explore how and why it began and what countries were involved. They will learn about the experiences of enslaved people and how the Slave Trade was abolished.



Art

In art this half term, the children will be learning about the artist Esther Mahlangu and her contributions to art. They will dip their toes into Tingatinga art, in preparation to create their very own clay piece inspired by the artefacts of Benin.



PE

This half term's PE is athletics. The children will be learning how to improve their performance in track and field sports. The training will help to develop their strength, technique and control. Sprint starts, long jump and throwing techniques will also be taught.



DT

In DT this half term, the children will be designing and making their own stable bridge. They will identify stable shapes to use within their structure, accurately cut and piece together their bridge and test their bridges to see how strong and stable they are.



PSHE

In PSHE this half term, the children will be learning how drugs common to everyday life can affect health. They will be discussing the risks and effects of smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol. The children will draw upon their knowledge of peer pressure and their understanding of medicine.



French

In French this half term, the children will be learning the French words for food and drink items that you may order in a café. These include croissants, cakes, sandwiches and crepes. Bon appetit! They will practice using the phrase 'je voudrais' to ask for something.



Suggested books for reading

