



Gilbertstone Primary School Year 5 Autumn 2 Newsletter

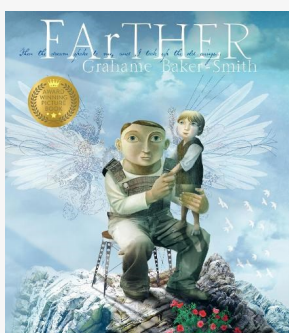


Welcome back!

The children have really impressed us with their hard work and positive attitude to learning last half term. They made an exceptional start and we are really proud of them all! We are really looking forward to lots of new learning and especially our trip to Think Tank.

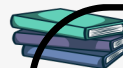
Literacy

This half term, we will be reading a fantastic book called 'Farther.' Over the term, the children will be writing a Setting Narrative as well as a Letter from the perspective of the young boy. As part of our grammar focus, we will be focusing on verb prefixes, commas, dashes and brackets for parenthesis and relative clauses.



Reading

Children are continuing to develop useful reading skills and strategies such as; retrieval, inference and skimming and scanning. This half term, 5I will read 'Paleontology' and 5S will be reading 'The Silver Arrow'. Please encourage children to read for pleasure at home.



Maths

In Maths this half term, we are going to be exploring fractions. We will learn about proper and improper fractions, including converting these to mixed numbers. We will also learn the rules of adding and subtracting a range of fractions. In order to access all the learning in year 5 confidently, it is crucial that children can rapidly recall all their times tables up to 12x12. If your child is not yet confident, please support them with daily practice at home and encourage them to use

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Science

In Science this half term, we will learn about materials and investigating their properties. We will be conducting many practical experiments like investigating conductivity, transparency and hardness of materials. We will also explore reversible and irreversible changes.



Wider Curriculum

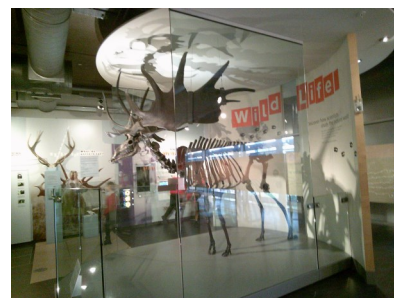
This half term, we will have a focus on History and Art. In History, we will learn about how why the Vikings invaded and settled in Britain using sources. We will also be reading some interesting Viking sagas and what they tell us about the Viking life.



In Art, we will be exploring installation art and the work of Cai Guo-Qiang as part of modern art. We will be creating our very own installation art based on everyday objects.

Year 5 visit to Think Tank

We loved our trip to Think Tank . It helped us make links with our science topic and enhance our understanding of materials and their properties. We really enjoyed carrying out experiments related to reversible and irreversible changes. We even got to make slime! We visited the science garden and we explored different areas of the museum. Here are some photos from our visit!



PE

Year 5 children will have outdoor PE on a **Wednesday** and our focus will be on football. Children will be learning attacking and defending skills as well as how to send and receive the ball when under pressure.

On **Thursday**, for indoor PE, we will be focusing on dance. Children will be learning how to perform actions with quality and control and how to use the space around them for fluent movement. Children will also be creating a choreography with a rock 'n' roll music.

Forest School

Year 5 Forest School will be focusing on Woodland Wildlife. We will making some very creative bird feeders using our team work skills.



5I will have Forest School on **Monday 24th November**.

5S will have Forest School on **Friday 28th November**.

Homework

Children receive **spelling and maths homework every Friday**. Homework should be completed and returned to school by the following **Wednesday**. You will receive a text message each week with the details of the pages children need to complete in the maths workbook.



Anti-Bullying week

This year's anti-bullying theme is 'Power for Good'. We will think about the importance of being kind. We will be taking part in special activities including Odd Socks Day and Friendship Friday.

Thank you for your support!

The Year 5 Team

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Mrs Hemming

