



Gilbertstone Primary School

Year 5 Autumn 1 Newsletter



Hello and welcome to Year 5!



The children have started the term with a positive attitude and heaps of energy! They quickly adapted to new changes and Year 5 expectations and have demonstrated that they are ready to become a bit more independent. They agreed that treating each other with kindness and listening to each other were the best qualities for a happy, friendly classroom.

Literacy

This half term, we will be reading an interesting book called 'Curiosity' by Markus Motum. We will discover the challenges of the Mars rover sent to explore the red planet. The children will write their own space journey narrative about Curiosity, the Mars rover. As part of our grammar skills, the children will be learning to use dashes for parenthesis, modal verbs, fronted adverbials and speech punctuation.



Reading

This half term, 5I will read 'The Silver Arrow' and 5W will be reading 'Palaeontology'. We will be developing reading for pleasure alongside valuable reading strategies. Children will practise their retrieval skills by locating key information in a text and they will become more efficient at finding relevant information to answer questions.



Maths

In Maths this half term we are going to be exploring place value for numbers up to one million and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). 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 TT Rockstars.

Science

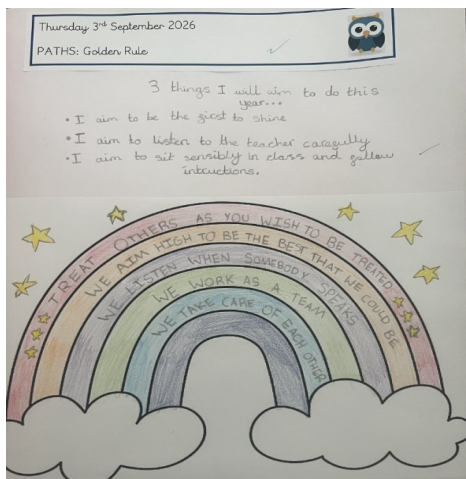
In Science this half term, we will learn about mixtures, solutions and the different processes of separating materials, such as, sieving, filtering and evaporating. We will be conducting many practical experiments including dissolving a variety of substances to understand what factors can affect dissolving.



Wider Curriculum

This half term we will have a focus on Geography and Design and Technology. In Geography, we will learn about the Alps and compare some of the human and physical features to our local area. In D&T, we will be focusing on using electrical circuits and motors to design and create moving mechanisms called the Doodlers.





Gilbertstone Golden Rules

The children have worked incredibly hard to create their own Gilbertstone Golden Rules Rainbow.

We spent time discussing what our Golden Rules mean and we thought about how we can demonstrate them every day in our classroom.



PE

5I will have outdoor PE on **Tuesdays** and their indoor PE lessons will be on **Thursdays**.

5W will have indoor PE on **Mondays** and outdoor PE on **Wednesdays**.

As part of our outdoor PE lessons, the children will be developing their cricket skills, including throwing, catching, batting and fielding. They will also learn how to work as a team and apply tactics in simple games.

Please come to school in your PE kit. In indoor PE, the children will be focusing on fitness and getting their bodies moving. They will take part in a range of fun activities designed to develop their stamina, strength and coordination.

PE Kits (reminder)

- Trainers or pumps
- Black or navy joggers, leggings, shorts
- White, grey or black t-shirt
- Black, navy or grey plain hoodie or jumper (school jumpers are also acceptable).

Forest School

Year 5 children will have Forest School once each half term. This term, we have some exciting bushcraft activities planned, including tying a clove hitch knot with string and building shelters.

5I will have Forest School on **Monday 12th October**.

5W will have Forest School on **Friday 16th October**.



Thank you for your support!

The Year 5 Team

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