

Dragonflies: Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a great Easter holiday!

My name is Mr. Simper, and I'm a PGCE student on my final placement before qualifying as a teacher and it's my pleasure to be teaching Year 5 until the end of June. I'll be working alongside Mrs. Lloyd to plan and deliver most of the curriculum until then, so thought it would be good to introduce myself and let you all know what we'll be covering together this half term.



English

In our English sessions we'll be looking at biographies and how they are adapted for different audiences. We'll be exploring how biographies are turned into story books for younger children, before having a go at writing our own biography of astronaut Tim Peake (tying in with our science learning) for the KS1 children, making sure we choose appropriate grammar and sentence structure for younger readers. After that, we'll be looking at Lewis Carroll's famous 'nonsense poem' - the Jabberwocky. We'll explore what makes for a good nonsense poem, learning about (big word alert) portmanteau along the way. We'll then have a go at writing our own nonsense poem. I can't wait to read the results!



Maths

In Maths, we're going to look at 'Position and Direction', where we'll be learning how to read and plot coordinates, before using them to draw, translate and reflect shapes. After that, we'll look at one of my favourite parts of maths - statistics. We'll be using data to draw graphs and understand how to record and interpret data such as weight and time when recorded in a table. After that, we'll move onto shape, where we'll learn to understand and draw degrees and angles.



Science

In Science, we'll continue our topic on 'Earth and Space', understanding how the Earth's rotation and orbit around the Sun gives us our days, nights and seasons. If we get any sun, we'll investigate how the time of day affects the length of shadows caused by the Sun.

After that, Mrs. Lloyd will be taking us through a series on human development. (Separate letter on the class page)



Art

Mrs. Askew will be delivering our art sessions again this half term to half of the class (whilst the other half is at Forest School). She will be looking at Still life and how to create depth using shading. To tie in with both our English and Science work, we'll also be creating a papier-mâché Solar System which we'll hang from the classroom ceiling!



D.T.

This term we will be designing and building our very own toy including a CAM mechanism. **To do this we need shoeboxes! Please can every child bring one in by Thursday 7th May.** Thanks!



Other subjects:

- **Computing:** We'll be exploring using how to create a stop-motion animation.
- **P.S.H.E:** We'll be 'Aiming High', looking at our future hopes and breaking down stereotypes and barriers that might stand in our way.
- **French:** Mrs. Schumann will continue to teach us on a Wednesday afternoon.
- **P.E.:** There will be **no need for P.E. kit this half-term**, instead our physical activity will be swimming and Forest School.



Weekly Routine

- **Swimming:** Our sessions will continue Monday afternoons.
- **Spelling Tests:** The spelling tests will continue to be on a Thursday Morning with new spellings being given on a Friday Morning.
- **Homework:** Homework will be handed out on a Friday and collected in on a Wednesday. (It is important that children hand their homework in on time)
- **Reading Journals:** Reading journals will be checked on a Thursday.

If you ever have any questions, Mrs Lloyd or I will be available at drop off in the mornings, or on the playground at the end of the school day. You can also get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471)

Look forward to seeing you soon!

Mr. Simper