

**Coombe Road Primary School
Curriculum Newsletter
Year 5 Date 05/09/11**

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. We are publishing this newsletter to give general information about school routines and to give details of what will be happening in your child's class.

Literacy

We are working weekly on raising the children's awareness of how to use a variety of spelling strategies which will enable them to spell words when they write independently.

We will also be looking at stories from other cultures, recounts, poetry and instructional texts.

Numeracy

During the first half-term we will be focusing on mental and written methods for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and subtraction).

Block A: Counting, partitioning and calculating	Block B: Securing number facts, understanding shape	Block C: Handling data and measures	Block D: Calculating, measuring and understanding shape	Block E: Securing number facts, relationships and calculating
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In Science we are learning about changing states. After half term, we will be covering changing sounds.

In Geography, the children will be learning about Rivers, this topic will also include a trip.

In RE we will be looking at Rites of passage; baptism, confirmation and marriage and ethics

In PE the children will be taking part in Invasion Games and swimming after half-term.

In PHSE the children will be looking at New Beginnings.

In ICT (computers) we will be focusing on monitoring and displaying data

In Art the children will be looking at Aboriginal paintings. After half-term we will be making our own musical instruments in D.T.

The children will also be learning French and Music weekly.

General School Information

Jewellery

- Jewellery is not permitted apart from watches and small ear studs.

P.E Kit

- In P.E. children must wear navy or white t-shirts and shorts.
- Pupils who do not bring appropriate P.E. kit must use the spare kit allocated to each key stage.
- Footwear needs to be appropriate for P.E.

In year five P.E. will be on a Monday and Wednesday. Children should have appropriate P.E. kit in school on this day. If they are unable to do P.E. for any medical reason, they need a note.

Uniform

- Our school colours are navy and white.
- Children wear white polo shirts with navy round or v-necked sweatshirts or fleeces.
- Children may wear plain navy, grey or black knee-length skirts, trousers or jogging bottoms without logos.
- Flip-flops, high heels or any other inappropriate footwear must not be worn. Sensible shoes or trainers only.

Book bags

- Pupils must have their book bags in school every day
- Home school reading books will be signed by the class teacher at least twice each week
- Parents are asked to sign the home school reading book at least twice a week.

We will check and sign home/school reading books every Monday and Thursday.

Homework

- In Year 5 homework will be due in on Thursdays

If you have any questions or concerns, please come in and we can meet after school or write in your child's Home School Reading Record.

Many thanks

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