



Year Five Newsletter

Autumn 1, September 2017



Welcome to Year Five!

We're so excited to welcome you all to Year Five and the Later Phase of Learning here at Saltaire. This year our two classes are called 5H (Miss Hayden) and 5SW (Mrs Shillaker [Mon-Wed] and Miss Woolley [Thu-Fri]). We are supported by Mrs Wilson, Mrs Baxter and Miss Tariq.

This half term promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities for our Year Five children. Our topic is 'World War II' and we will be learning about many aspects of this topic; evacuation, the Blitz, rationing and propaganda to name just a few. We are looking forward to visiting Eden Camp, a WWII related museum which occupies a former Second World War prisoner-of-war camp later this half term.

We look forward to meeting you at our forthcoming events, including our Induction Evening later this month.



Mathematics

For this half-term we will be mastering place value by reading, writing, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers to at least one million. We will also be exploring negative numbers and Roman numerals. Later, we will apply our skills when adding and subtracting increasingly large numbers and in problem solving contexts. We will also be regularly working on speed and fluency in arithmetic.

Maths homework will be provided to sharpen your child's arithmetic skills. It will be sent home each Friday and is to be returned by the following Friday, to be shared in class.

Important Dates

21st September: Induction Evening

26th September: European Day of Languages

4th October: Year Five Eden Camp visit

9th and 10th October: Parent Consultation evenings

English

We kick off our literacy journey by exploring the outbreak of war and applying our knowledge and understanding into writing newspaper reports. We will then read and share the text 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo, a text based around the evacuation of two children from London during the war. We will use the text to help us prepare a letter and diary entry, before writing our own version of the story's ending.

Your child will receive spellings every Friday to practise, before being tested the following Friday. This half term we will be focusing on words which have the following endings: cious, tious, cial, tial, ant, ance, ancy, ent, ence and ency. In addition, you will receive a list of all the words children ought to be able to read, use and spell in Years Five and Six with the later phase newsletter. Please regularly practise these words with your child. Our first Spelling Bee competition on Friday 20th October and will feature such words, more details to follow.

Science

In Science on Thursday afternoons, we will be working scientifically to:

- Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, transparency and conductivity (electrical and thermal)
- Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials

Learning Logs

These will be sent home on Monday 16th October, to be completed and returned by Monday 6th November. On that afternoon, we will be holding a Learning Log Exhibition in which children will present their project to their class. Each child will vote for their favourite three and prizes will be awarded. The winning learning log entries will then join Mr Evans for a celebratory tea party.

Computing

This half term, we are learning about different means of communication, such as through Morse code and Semaphore code. We will also make links to this in our Maths lessons.



P.E.



P.E. will be held on Wednesday afternoons and will take place outside. This half term we will be practising our skills when participating in invasion games. Please ensure that your child is wearing their School P.E. uniform. You can find details of this on the school website.

The children will attend swimming lessons at Shipley pool every Friday afternoon, commencing on Friday 15th September. Please refer to our more detailed letter with regard to the arrangements.

Time to Talk

We will be spending this half term taking part in lots of transition activities, getting to know each other better and our new surroundings. We will also be developing our Play Pal skills.

Should you have any queries, please let us know. In the meantime, we look forward to a term of exciting learning and great progress!
With our best regards,

Miss Hayden, Mrs Shillaker and Miss Woolley