



Year 5 Manta Ray Newsletter - Summer 2023

Values this term: **Happiness, Respect, Honesty and Thoughtfulness**

Welcome back to a (hopefully!) much warmer and sunnier term. Your child's last in Year 5!

We have lots of things to look forward to this term, including the May Fayre, sports day (date TBC), Step-Up Day and the long-awaited whole-school trip to Paradise Wildlife Park!

As we move into summer, please ensure that on any hot and sunny days, your child has sun protection applied before they come to school and that they are equipped with a hat. It is also imperative that your child has a water bottle - this can be refilled throughout the day.

We have lots to teach and learn in this last term. It will really help your child if you could hear them read regularly and support them with their arithmetic skills and spellings.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at nhenley@bestacademies.org.uk

Mathematics

We begin the term continuing to learn about fractions, with a focus on the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages.

The children will then look at position and direction, measurement, converting units and volume.

The children will continue to consolidate their knowledge with a weekly arithmetic test.

Key days

PE - Monday and Friday
Tuck shop (20p) - Thursday
Spelling test - Friday
Library books are changed on Wednesdays and reading books are changed on Fridays

Reminders

- The children will need their Write Word wallets and reading books in their bags every day please.
- Please only send fruit, vegetables, breadsticks or rice cakes for break time snack.
- Spring and summer weather is very changeable so a jacket is a good idea!

English

We once again focus on two units this term; Myths and Legends and Classic Plays. We start with the tale of Beowulf and then move onto exploring a number of Shakespeare's works.

Through these two texts, the children will be taught to write effective setting descriptions, explore kennings and have a go at planning and writing their own legend. The children will then move onto exploring Shakespeare through reading Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth and the Tempest, finishing up by writing their own playscripts.

History and Geography

In our first topic unit, we will be looking at the **Anglo-Saxons!** The children will learn about where they came from, why they came to Britain, their system of law and justice and Alfred the Great.

After half term we will move onto studying the geography of **Europe**, including major cities, rivers and mountains, languages, cuisines and climate.

Science

Our Science topics this term are **Living Things and their Habitats** followed by **Scientists and Inventors**.



For a complete list of diary dates and further information, visit our website on www.langfordvillageacademy.org.uk