



Bardney Church of England & Methodist Primary School
Class Year 5 Newsletter
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Firstly, we would like to welcome you back after the summer holidays. We hope you all had a lovely summer and are as excited as we are for Year 5! Secondly, I (Miss Hancock) would like to introduce myself, as this will be my first year teaching at Bardney. I am very excited for the year ahead and look forward to putting everything my degree of Primary Education has taught me into practice.

We also have Mrs Sadler back with us at Bardney, and Mrs Walker who will be in Year 5 with us every morning. This school year we will be alternating each half term between Geography and History, and Art and DT. Please feel free to pop in and see us at any time during the year if you have any questions.

Geography

This term we are focusing on the topic **Exploring Eastern Europe**. We will be using Atlases to discover places in Eastern Europe. Naming their capital cities and the countries you would pass through to get there. We will be learning how to plan a trip to a European destination and what we could do there, the similarities and differences between the UK and Eastern European Countries and what happened in Chernobyl.

Literacy

We are going to be focusing on stories with flashbacks, biographies and explanation texts. We will be using the Harry Potter books for the first few weeks to act as stimuli for our stories with flashbacks, where we will write about our own favourite memory using the 'Pensieve', a memory tool used in the stories of Harry Potter. In Guided Reading lessons, we will be focusing on different chapters within the Harry Potter stories, which we will be analysing and discussing aspects in small groups.

Reading

It is important that the children read a minimum of 3-4 times a week. Not only does it help with fluency of reading and comprehension, but also in their writing. In year 5, some of the children are able to pick their own reading books, as we want to promote the children's love of reading. As we know that children often read to themselves, we trust them to write in their own reading records, please write down how many pages you have read that night. However, if this is the case, please ensure that they are actually doing the reading by questioning them on their book whenever possible. Questioning is extremely important to develop the children's comprehension skills. There are example questions in their Reading Record.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Wednesday to be handed in by the following Monday. Homework for Maths will be a continuation of what has been taught in class, this gives the children another opportunity to apply their skills and consolidate their understanding.

It would also be valuable for the children to use the Timetable Rock Star app (both can be found on Apple and Android platforms) to help them engage with timetables and improve their recall. Do not forget you can get on Times Table Rock Stars scoreboard! Can you beat your last score?

Spellings will be given out on Monday and tested each Friday, please make sure your child/children are practising their spellings at home to ensure the best outcomes for their spelling.

This term the children have created a mind-map in Geography for their **Exploring Eastern Europe** topic, for their homework they will need to complete 3 of the tasks from this mind-map. **Homework will be due in 14th October 2019.**

Although at this age we expect the children to be completing their homework themselves, please feel free to assist them in getting resources, ideas etc. It is important that all homework is completed and handed in on time. There will always be spare copies of the homework letter available on the spare copies board inside the classroom. Each week there will be a homework club (during Monday break time) where we will make ourselves available to assist any children who are struggling with their homework. Furthermore, if the children are struggling to find time or resources to complete their homework at home, they are more than welcome to attend the club.

P.E

P.E. this half term will be on a Tuesday afternoon and a Friday morning. Please ensure that your children have appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor activities.

Social Emotional Mental Health Intervention:



At Bardney, we are passionate about supporting every aspect of children's wellbeing. In some situations, children need a little extra help with social skills such as turn taking, making good friendship choices and confidence. If you see this stamp in your child's reading record it means they have received that kind of support in a small group that day. If you have any worries about this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or speak to Mrs Smith, our Family Support Worker.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Miss Hancock, Mrs Walker and Mrs Sadler
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