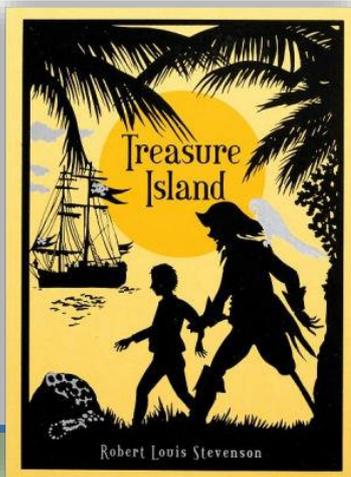


Year 5 – ‘Treasure Island’ and ‘Mary Poppins’

Newsletter

Treasure Island

Class teacher – Miss Barton



Mary Poppins

Class teacher – Miss Jones



Learning Support Assistants

Miss McNamara

Mrs Miller

Mrs McBride

Mr Clark

Mr Kellett



WELCOME TO YEAR 5

This year all of the classes at Lanesend are inspired by classical books to fit in with our autumn term topic. There are two Year 5 classes, but we will work very much as a year group and we will also take opportunities to work with other year groups when we can.

Autumn Term

Community Building (2 weeks)

Establishing rules and routines and learning to work together as a team through a variety of team-based activities. We will also cover our Sex, Relationships and Emotional curriculum, particularly looking at the changes experienced during puberty.

Exploring the Classics (11 weeks)

Our learning this term will focus on classic history, literature, art, music and languages. We will look at the writing of many famous authors and poets, this will be a fascinating opportunity for pupils to explore the magical worlds that books can transport you to. Through this topic, the children will be given opportunities to create pieces in the style of classic writers such as L. Frank Baum and Christina Rossetti.



Christmas (2 weeks)

The final two weeks of the winter term will be devoted to celebrating Christmas. Key Stage two will be putting on a magical production in line with the schools topic.



Spring Term

Let There Be Light (12 weeks)

This is in celebration of the invention of the light bulb by Thomas Edison. We will also look at light in RE as well as our famous inventors and a more focused exploration of science and light. This will provide many exciting opportunities for experimentation, research and creations.



Easter (1 week)

During the last week of the spring term we will look at the traditional Easter story and how Easter is celebrated around the world.

Summer Term

Who do you think you are? (11 weeks)

Next year is the year of indigenous cultures and environments, so we are looking at where we all came from, native plants and animals, as well as supporting the Isle of Wight bid for a biosphere. We are going to have a mini focus on the women's football World Cup too. This will be a wonderful topic where the children will learn not only about the past, but the development of the world they live in today.



HOME LEARNING

Reading

Reading is encouraged every day and we would be grateful if you supported this ethos at home by hearing your child read every night or ensuring they have opportunities to read independently. Please note, this does not have to be their reading book; newspapers, comics, magazines, encyclopaedias etc. all count and enrich their overall reading experience.

Spellings

Every Friday your child will receive their weekly spellings to complete as part of their early morning work and home learning, these are the words the children are expected to know and use in their writing now that they are in year five. As well as learning the spellings your child will be asked to complete a related



activity such as cartoon strips or memory games. Home learning should be handed in on a Thursday.

Speaking and Listening

As in previous years, the children will be set speaking and listening projects to help develop their confidence and presentation skills. The focus may be connected to the topic the children are following in school, or it may be a more topical/ news related theme. Specific details of each project will be sent out separately. The children will also be encouraged to learn poems to further develop their confidence in oracy.



Maths and Literacy

Maths home learning will consistently focus on the children learning their tables at home, so that they are secure and recalled easily. The children will have weekly times tables tests to assess their progress and their target each week will be to improve upon their own individual score.



Mental maths strategies are also something that we would encourage you to support your child with at home whenever possible. For example, you could ask them to add items of shopping mentally or

work out the cost of multiple items – practising everyday however small, will be extremely beneficial.

In addition to this, the children will also be given a weekly Maths and English home learning task to complete. The purpose of the home learning will be to reinforce work completed in class, but also to develop an independent approach to work. We would expect the children to spend no longer than 30 minutes on each of their home learning tasks. Home learning will be set on a Friday and will be due in on Thursday.

We are also keen to encourage the children to write as often as possible and there may also be additional writing tasks during the year.

If an issue with home learning arises at any time please speak to us immediately as we really do not want it becoming a negative experience for either you or your child. The children all seem very keen to complete work at home, so that's a great, positive start!



Home Learning Grid and Writing

The children will also continually have termly Home Learning Grids that contain a wide range of topic appropriate activities, to broaden their learning experiences. We are particularly keen for the children to write as often as possible, so any additional writing such as diaries, news reports, book reviews etc. would be greatly encouraged. These completed activities will be rewarded and shared with the class.

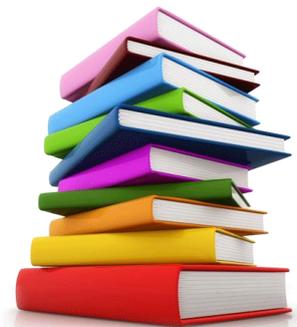
GENERAL INFORMATION

Our timetabled P.E. session is on a Tuesday, but there may also be other times when P.E. kit is needed, so it would probably be a good idea for P.E. kit to stay in school all week and be taken home at the weekend. Just a reminder, P.E. uniform is a blue t-shirt, black shorts and trainers.



As we head into the winter months, please ensure your child is provided with tracksuit bottoms and warm layers. Also we ask that children remove all jewellery including earrings.

Children will also get opportunities to use our library to support their independent reading.



In the summer term year five have the amazing opportunity to visit UKSA for six afternoons to develop their water confidence and participate in various water sports, including sailing and paddle boarding.



Finally...

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all and your delightful children for making the beginning of Year 5 such a smooth and enjoyable experience. The children have made a fantastic start to Year 5 and we are really looking forward to working with them this year.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about ANYTHING please don't hesitate to speak to us immediately, it is essential that your child is happy at school and if we continually work together we can help to achieve this.

FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH USING CLASS DOJO.