



North America, Properties of materials and travel guides!

Year 5 Newsletter

Welcome back to all children and parents in Year 5! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break.

This newsletter outlines some of the things we are studying this half term and ideas for how to support your child at home. We hope you find it useful and please let us know if you have any questions.

From Mr Malley and the Year 5 team.

Our Geography Topic this half term North America

Our enquiry question is:

What are the key geographical features of North America?

Within this topic, we will be learning about the countries of North America and identifying which ones are located in the Arctic Circle. We will also learn about the climates of North America and practice our atlas skills.

You could try:

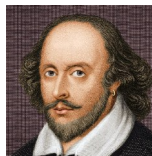
- Creating a map of the states in the USA
- Learn about the landmarks in North America and create a non-chronological report or poster.



English

In English, we will start by learning how to write our playscripts inspired by William Shakespeare.

In addition, we will write a travel article on the Grand Canyon. In these pieces we will be using relative clauses, pronouns and making sure we are consistent with tenses.



You could try:

- Creating your own leaflet persuading someone to visit the USA or Canada.
- Research William Shakespeare and share your findings with the class

Maths

In Maths, we will then be moving onto multiplication and division. Here we will be looking at 2 and 3 digit multiplication as well as dividing three digit by 1 digit numbers.



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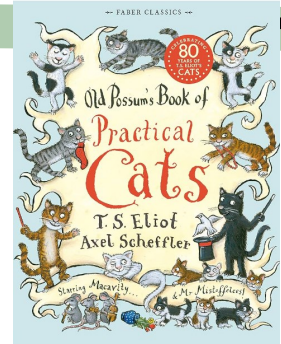
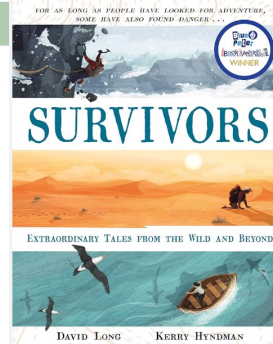
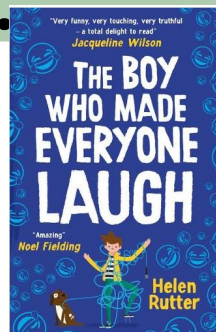
- Practising Times Tables Rockstars and other Times Tables Games
- Playing on 'Daily 10'. A free game on the top marks website which helps you practice various Mental Maths skills.

Love to Read

This half term we are reading 'The boy who made everyone laugh' by Helen Rutter.

For non-fiction work we will be studying 'Survivors'. A text about adventurers who have survived the unimaginable!

For poetry, we will be studying 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats'. It is an anthology of poems which are very funny!



You could try:

- Creating a story map as we read the story.
- Write a diary entry as one of the characters.
- Create a new front cover to the book.

PE

PE days are Tuesday and Fridays.

On Tuesdays MVMNT will be teaching the children **Tag Rugby**.

On Fridays Mr Malley will be teaching the pupils **Fitness**.

Science

We are studying 'Properties of Changing Materials' in Science. This topic will revise what we know about solids, liquids and gases to begin with. We will then develop our knowledge by learning about reversible and irreversible changes and properties of materials.

You could try:

- Can you conduct your own experiments at home?
- Research a famous Scientist and write a non-chronological report about them.

Homework and Spellings

Homework will be set every Friday and be due in the following Friday.

Each week the children will have:

- Maths
- Reading at least four times a week
- Spelling Practice
- Creative homework (optional)



The children have homework diaries in Year 5 to record what they have done. This will be checked on a Monday.