



North America, Properties of materials and persuasive 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 is 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 North American countries
- Learn about the landmarks in North America
- Create a non-chronological report or poster



English

In English, we will be learning how to write a persuasive guide all about our wonderful school. Here we will explore persuasive features such as alliteration, emotive language and repetition to convince new families to choose KSS! For the remainder of the half term we will concentrate on spelling, punctuation, grammar and creative writing.



You could try:

- Creating your own leaflet persuading someone to visit the USA or Canada
- Research the area of Kirkstall and the historical links of the 3 swords symbol to Kirkstall

Maths

In Maths, we will continue with multiplication and division. Here we will be looking at multiplication of larger numbers as well as dividing 4 digit by 1 digit including remainders.



You could try:

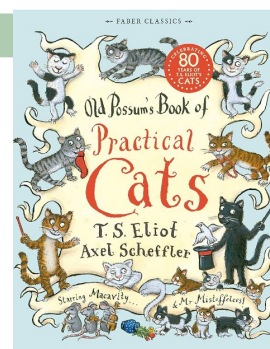
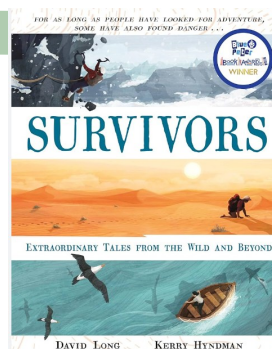
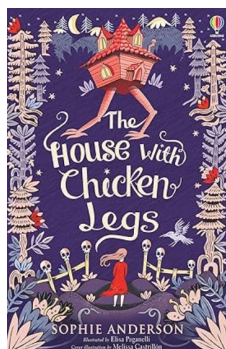
- Practicing Times Tables Rockstars and other Times Tables Games
- Playing on 'Daily 10'. A free game on the top marks website which helps you practice various Mental Maths skills

Love to Read

This half term we are reading 'The house with Chicken Legs.'

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 **Monday** and **Tuesday**.

On Tuesdays MVMNT will be teaching PE.

On Monday Mr Malley will be teaching PE.

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.