



American Civil Rights, Martin Luther King and the Windrush Generation

Year 5 Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to all children and parents in Year 5! We hope you have had a lovely half term 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.

Mr Malley & Miss Marshall.

Our History Topic this half term is North America

Our enquiry question is:

What are the key aspects of North American history?

Within this topic we will be learning about the history of enslavement across North America. In particular, which people were enslaved and what life was like for them. We will also be learning about the Windrush Generation and the American Civil Rights Movement.

I know the children will handle this topic with great maturity; however, we understand that this topic is a very sensitive one so will be handled with care.



You could try:

- Who was Martin Luther King? What was the impact that he had on the American Civil Rights movement?
- Do you know any other history heroes who changed the world for enslaved people? Make a poster about them and share it with the class.

English

In **English**, we begin by looking at instructional writing. We will use our food technology focus- pizzas- as inspiration to write a recipe including instructions. In our next piece, we will write an explanation texts based on our science unit all about the Earth's movements. In our Love to Read sessions, we will focus on a variety of texts in fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

You could try:

Can you write some instructions?

Maybe bake a cake or help an adult with a project at home. Then write your own instructions all about what steps were needed.

Maths

In Maths, we move onto measure and we will look at perimeter and area of different shapes.



After this we will explore statistics.

You could try:

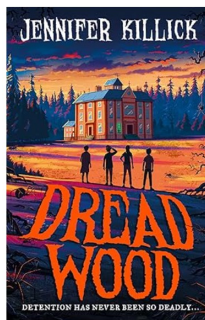
- Practicing Times Tables Rockstars and other Times Tables Games
- Playing on 'Daily 10'. A free game on the top marks website which helps you practice various Mental Maths skills.

Love to Read

This half term our class book (as chosen by the class) is *Dread Wood* by Jennifer Killick.

For our non-fiction work we will be studying various North American texts linked to our previous Geography topic and current History topic.

For poetry, we will be studying the classic poem 'The Eagle' by Alfred Lord Tennyson.



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 Wednesday and Friday for the rest of the year.

This half term, we have a dance specialist on Wednesday and MVMNT will teach pupils PE on Thursday.

Science

This half term we will have **Science Week**- always a highlight of the year at KSS! For one week, each afternoon will be dedicated to a different Science activity. This year the theme is the environment and we will be exploring how to look after our planet.

You could try:

- Research green ways to travel
- Create a poster of things that can be done at home to help the environment such as composting etc.



Homework and Spellings

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

Each week the children will have:

- Maths questions (relating to the topic)
- Reading at least four times a week
- Times Tables
- Spelling Practice

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

