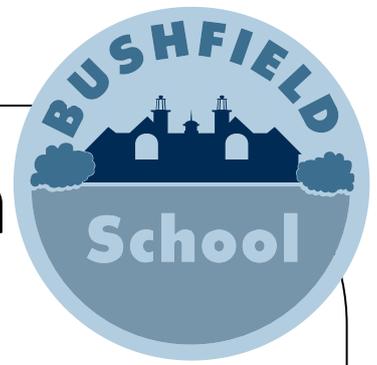


Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you all had an enjoyable break over the holidays. We are pleased to say that the children are settling well into Year 5 and are all working enthusiastically in lessons. We have an exciting term of learning ahead of us and look forward to seeing the children's learning develop. As always, if you need to speak to a member of the team, we are happy to meet with you. Please speak to the school office to arrange a convenient time.

Year 5 Team



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Subject overviews



English

This term our writing focuses on our topics of *Home & Away* and *Ancient Egypt—Myths and Legends*. During the first half term, we will base our writing on the story of 'Akimbo and the Elephant'. We will write a short narrative and have a go at writing our first persuasive letter about elephant poaching. At the end of the half term, we will have a go at writing a non-chronological report about Ghana.

After half term, we will turn our focus to Myths and Legends. We will create our own mythical creatures and use these to write our own myth. Towards the end of the term we will write a description from the point of view of Howard Carter when he first found King Tutankhamun's tomb. To finish the half term, we will have a go at writing some winter themed poetry.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will focus on consolidating and developing our written methods for all four operations. We will also learn about prime, composite, square and cubed numbers and consolidate our skills in counting backwards and forwards mentally.

After half term, we will focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will learn about equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and finding fractions of amounts. Later in the term, we will look at decimal fractions and converting between fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science

In Science this term, we will be learning about forces. We will focus on air and water resistance and understand more about gravity. We will also experiment with how levers, pulleys and gears work.

During the second half term, we will move on to learning about different materials. We will create different mixtures and solutions and identify which reactions are reversible and which are irreversible.

Geography / History

During the first half term, we will be studying Ghana. We will explore what it is like to live in Ghana, the different kinds of settlements and how they compare to the UK and will develop our map reading skills to identify the difference in amenities we have in the UK compared with Ghana.

After half term, we will study Ancient Egypt. We will identify artefacts found by archaeologists, discover more about the Valley of the Kings and understand how this fits into Ancient History.

Be the best you can be.

