



Bursley Academy



Year 5 Newsletter – Summer 2

We hope you had a wonderful half term and are ready for an exciting and memorable final half term in Year 5!

English

This half term in English, we will be studying the novel *Asha and the Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan. Through this exciting and adventurous story, the children will follow Asha as she sets off on a challenging journey to find her father. They will explore how the author creates tension, develops characters and describes vivid settings. The children will develop their reading comprehension skills by making predictions, drawing inferences and exploring the meaning of new vocabulary. They will also discuss key themes such as bravery, resilience and hope, and consider how language is used to engage the reader. The children will then build towards writing their own adventure stories. They will focus on creating exciting plots, developing strong characters and using descriptive language in their writing.



Maths

This half term in maths, we will be extending our understanding of decimals by adding and subtracting decimal numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. We will also be exploring negative numbers and rounding off the school year by learning about different units of measurement.

We will also continue our daily practice of multiplication facts, alongside our weekly multiplication speed checks. Regular recall of times tables is essential for building confidence and fluency in Maths.

The link for practising multiplication facts is provided below, and children are encouraged to use this at home to support their learning.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk>

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://mathsbot.com/primary/year5Mini> (arithmetic)

Foundation Subjects

Science

In Science this half term, we will be rounding off our unit on Forces from Summer 1. We will continue to explore different forces through a range of scientific investigations. We will then finish the year by exploring the life processes of plants, with a focus on plant reproduction and growth.

History

In History, we will be exploring the life of the longest-reigning British monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. We will be looking at what life was like during the Queen's reign and the changes in society that took place during her time on the throne.

DT

During our DT topic, we will be using a range of woodwork tools and techniques to build bird houses/ nesting boxes that we will display in our wildlife area.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

In our PSHE lessons, we will be discussing future careers and goals, as well as the skills we can develop to help us work towards them. We will also be preparing for our transition to Year 6.

Religious Education (RE)

In RE, we will continue with our topic on Buddhism. The children will learn about the life of the Buddha, the importance of the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, and how Buddhists apply these ideas in their daily lives.

Music- Reflect, rewind and replay topic- we revisit some of the genres of music that we have explored in music lessons this year. The Fresh Prince of Belair theme tune has been a firm favourite in both Year 5 classes!

Computing- Desktop publishing/ programming

<https://www.bursley.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/our-classes/year-5>

Key Dates

- P.E- Mrs Jones' class- Every Wednesday and Thursday/ Miss Shevchenko's class- Every Tuesday and Thursday
- Friday 12th June- UKS2 (Y5 and 6) sports morning- 10:45am
- Friday 12th June- Talent show auditions
- Wednesday 01st July- Move up morning
- Friday 03rd July- Back up Sports day if needed (if previous day cancelled due to inclement weather)
- Tuesday 14th July- Parent drop in
- Wednesday 15th July- Entrust music assembly
- Thursday 16th July- Last day of school- Happy Holidays!

If you have any questions, please email office@bursley.staffs.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support, Mrs Jones and Miss Shevchenko