

Year 5 Learning Letter

Spring 1



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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 15th January (9am) – PINS parent coffee morning

Monday 20th January – Rock and Bot Day

Saturday 1st February – World Hijab Day

Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet day [9am – Safer Internet parent workshop]

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February – Half term

Monday 24th February – Start of Spring 2

Routines

Outdoor PE - Wednesday

Indoor PE - Tuesday (5B) or Thursday (5E)

Home Learning

Maths: Set Friday - due Wednesday

English: Set every Friday - due Friday two weeks later (set every week)

Spelling: Learnt for one week in school, sent home

Monday of week 2, test at end of week 2 (Friday)

Our Learning Journey

Geography: Natural disasters

This half-term, we will be learning about Natural Disasters, specifically earthquakes and volcanoes. We will be delving deep into earthquakes and learning about tectonic plates and the causes of earthquakes. As geographers, we will also look at why the most powerful earthquakes in the world do not necessarily cause the most deaths and destruction.

Outdoor Learning

This year, we will be having our Forest School sessions at Peckham Rye. Please ensure that your child has suitable, weather-appropriate clothing and footwear on the following date:

Thursday 6th February

On this date, we will be looking for parent volunteers. Please email the Year 5 teachers if you are available.

PE Days

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit: white polo shirt; black/navy jogging bottoms, and trainers.

Please send children to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

English

Reading

We will continue to follow the whole class model of teaching reading, beginning with our new novel 'Wolfstongue' by Sam Thompson, who will also be speaking to both classes via Zoom at the end of the term.

We will also be reading non-fiction texts linked to our curriculum including non-fiction reports on Pompei and Chila Kumari Singh Burman, an artist we will be taking inspiration from.

We would, as always, encourage you to read with your child on a regular basis.

Class Novels: 5E - The Lion Above the Door - Onjali Q. Rauf

5B - The Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell.

Writing

Our current topic is a non-fiction biography unit. We will be using the 'Little People, Big Dreams' books to learn about biography writing and then the children will be choosing who to write a biography about.

Maths

Our maths learning this half term includes:

**Short multiplication and short division;
Area and scaling**

Science

This term, the children will be learning about 'Separating Mixtures.' During this unit, we will deepen our understanding of solids, liquids and gases by exploring ways in which mixtures can be separated and by planning investigations.

Other Curriculum Areas

Art - <https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/teaching-learning/art/>

PSHE - <https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/teaching-learning/values-and-pshe/>

Computing - <https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/teaching-learning/computing-and-it/>

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