



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2021

Mr Williams, Mr Anderson and Miss Munroe



This half term we are learning:

English: In English, our sentence stacking is initially based around the short video: *'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore.'* We will then move on to basing our work around a book called *'Gorilla'* by Anthony Browne.

Maths: To begin the academic year, the majority of our work will be based around place value and the four operations.

Science: We will be learning about space and the solar system, *'Out of this World.'*

History: We are currently looking at life during the Stone Age.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around energy and the environment where we will look at renewable and non-renewable energy sources amongst other things.

Art: The children will be evaluating the space art of Peter Thorpe (which links in with our space topic in Science) before trying to create their own piece in his style.

Music: The children will be learning how to play the ukulele in their Music lessons with Mrs Walters.

French: In French, which will be taught by Miss Dugmore, the children are learning about vocabulary associated with animals and pets.

PSHE: The children will be looking at what it means *'Being Me In My World.'*

PE: In PE this half-term, the pupils will be learning hockey skills with Mr Cross.

RE: The children will be learning about Hinduism and sacred writings.

Computing: To begin the academic year, we will be looking at e-safety and how to stay safe online.

Message from the teachers:

Thank you for your continued support as we settle back in to school. Although many of the restrictions are no longer in place, Covid is still in the community and we remain committed to keeping all pupils safe in school through the pupils having their own pencil case with their own equipment inside, in addition to encouraging the children to regularly sanitise their hands. All of the teachers are very pleased with how the children have settled back into school in Year 5. Reading is an area we are promoting and the children look forward to our designated story time each day. All children should be coming home with a reading book from school to read at home (if they are not already reading a book at home). We appreciate your co-operation with this and cannot emphasise enough how important it is to instil a love of books in children from a young age.

Suggested Home Learning Activities

The most important thing you can do with your child is to encourage them to read. We hope that all children have the opportunity to read for at least 15 - 20 minutes every day at home. In school, the children in Year 5 have enjoyed reading independently upon arrival and reading their class reader together at the end of the school day.

With regard to Maths, times tables, number bonds and telling the time are other areas that children can benefit hugely from practising at home. This can be done at any time of the day - even when you are in the car or walking to school. Also, try to encourage your child to make the most of the school's subscription to *Times Tables Rock Stars* - a great way to practise timetables.