



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 2, 2022



Mr Williams, Mrs Coleman, Mrs Brackley and Miss Dugmore

This half term we are learning:

English: In English, our sentence stacking is initially a non-fiction unit of work based around Emperor Penguins.

Maths: This half-term, we will be learning about the following aspects of Maths: fractions, angles, shape and decimals.

Science: We will be learning about the changes that occur in different materials, '*Material World*'.

History: We are continuing to look at life during the Stone Age.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around energy and the environment where we will look at important topics, such as global warming.

Art / D&T: The children will be weaving with different materials, e.g. paper and wool.

Music: The pupils will be using Beethoven's Fifth Symphony as a vehicle to create a graphic score and their own piece of music in their lessons with Mrs Walters.

French: In French, the children are learning about vocabulary associated with dates, days of the week and months of the year.

PSHE: The children will be '*Celebrating Difference*'.

PE: In PE, which will be taught by Mr Cross, the pupils will be learning how to sequence a dance routine which flows gracefully and smoothly.

RE: The children will be learning about '*Peace*' and what it means.

Computing: During this half-term, we will be improving our word processing skills with Google Docs.

Message from the teachers:

Firstly, a huge well done to all of the pupils for their work and effort during the first half-term. As the weather gets colder and we approach Christmas, may we take this opportunity to remind you that the pupils should come to school prepared with waterproofs and wellies for their Forest School session. In addition, ideally, a change of clothes should also be brought in on Forest School days as they are outside in all conditions.

Reading remains a school focus; it is fantastic to see the pupils engaging and enjoying the books that they read. We appreciate your continued 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.