



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2025

Mr Coleman, Miss Hopkins and Mr Williams



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 biographical writing and we will be learning about the life of Hatshepsut who was an ancient Egyptian pharaoh.

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 the different stages of life, as well as looking at the gestation periods of different animals. The unit of work is called: 'Growing Up and Growing Old'.

History: We begin by looking at the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around the key geographical features of the U.K.

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 dodgeball skills with Mr Cross.

RE: The children will be learning about Christianity and where the Christian bible came from.

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

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

Music: The children will be singing and playing a range of different instruments related to the 'Blues.'

French: In French, the children are learning about vocabulary associated with animals and pets.

Message from the teachers:

The Year 5 team are delighted with how well the children have settled back into school life. This term is set to be filled with exciting opportunities for learning. PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Each half-term, pupils will also enjoy a Forest School session. We will send you a text message with the date closer to the time. We also have our school trip to Tamworth Castle to look forward to.

Reading continues to be a key focus across school. Every child should have a reading book from school to share at home (unless they are already enjoying one of their own). Your encouragement makes a real difference and fostering a love of reading at this stage is invaluable. Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to working together to make this a happy, successful and rewarding year.

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. 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. Finally, we will also be setting two pieces of homework each week: one will be paper based and one will be set on *Purple Mash*. Please encourage your children to give the homework a go!