

Year 5 Half-Termly Newsletter

Summer 1

Welcome back to school! We hope you have all had a great Easter holiday. This newsletter will provide key information of what your child will be learning this half term.

What are we learning this half term?

Composition

We will be using a book called My Uncle's Dunkirk which will refresh the children's memories of our World War II topic. Some of the grammar covered will be how to use colons and semi-colons as well as recognising the active and passive voice.

Maths

In maths, we will be continuing with decimals and percentages. We will then move onto perimeter, area and volume. We will continue to do daily fluent in five to keep up the children's knowledge of calculation and fractions and we will be doing weekly times tables practise and speed squares.

Science

In our science unit, we are studying Living Things and Their Habitats. This will involve classifying plants and animals as well as exploring micro-organisms.

P.E

Children will be doing P.E every week on a Monday and a Thursday. We are going to be outside for the term again. Although the weather is getting warmer, please pack appropriate clothing for all weather types.

Art

We have an exciting topic for art this half term as we will be looking at printing techniques using different materials and applying this to a collaborative piece of artwork based on a mountain panorama.

Topic

Last half term, we began looking at the monarchy of England from 1066 onwards and how the monarchy has gone from an absolute to a constitutional. This will continue throughout this half term.

Home Learning

At home, the children are still expected to read their school book at least **3 times weekly**. We will be continuing to quizzes based on the books children have read.

Spellings will be given out on a weekly basis with a test through dictation each Friday. Spellings should be practised at home for these tests.

Computing: During computing this half term, we will be looking at concept maps. This unit of work uses 2Connect and is designed to help the children learn the basics of concept mapping both individually and in collaborative working groups.

Music: In music, we will looking at a unit called 'At the movies!'

This will focus on:

- ◆ Understanding music narrative
- ◆ Interpreting notation
- ◆ Using a storyboard to structure sounds
- ◆ Learning about the use of sound effects to movies
- ◆ Composing sound effects to perform with a movie
- ◆ Learning about techniques used in movie soundtracks
- ◆ Exploring techniques used in movie soundtracks

From "THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK"
THE IMPERIAL MARCH
(Darth Vader's Theme)

Arranged by JOHN BRIMHALL

MUSIC BY JOHN WILLIAMS

