



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Grade 5 Curriculum Guide

May 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Grade 5 team have been very pleased with the progress that most of the children have made since the beginning of the year, and we were happy with the amount of parents who came to see us at the recent parent's evenings. We hope that the children continue to enjoy their time in Grade 5 in this final term.

As always, please ensure that your child arrives to school on time, in the correct uniform, and that they don't get picked up early if at all possible. Please can we also remind you that junk food is not allowed to be brought in to school. Spinners are also not allowed in Grade 5 at all and will be confiscated if seen. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

The curriculum guide for May is outlined below.

English

In English, Grade 5 will be studying the Roald Dahl novel, "Matilda". Children will be identifying themes within the story, as well as creating character profiles and inferring how characters are feeling and what they are thinking at certain points within the story. They will be making comparisons between the characters in the book. Children will also be redrafting chapters of the book, as well as writing and redrafting their own chapters.

Maths

In Maths, Grade 5 will be learning about Multiples, Factors and Prime Numbers, and the relationship between these topics. One of the main areas for development identified in Term 2's assessment week was how to solve a word problem in context, therefore all children will be given more practice of this, both in class and homework.

Children will also be learning about Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, and how to convert between these three number systems.

Topic

Our final Topic in Grade 5 is "Life After 1066". The children will be learning about the events of the Battle of Hastings, and the major Kings and Queens that have ruled Britain since this time. They will be studying how the monarchy has changed over the years and what influence the British Royal Family has in the modern day. They will be learning about significant turning points in British history, as well as changes in leisure activities and crime and punishment.

Science

In Science, we will be studying "Evolution and Inheritance". The children will be learning how they have inherited certain traits from their parents, such as eye colour and height. They will be learning how animals adapt to their surroundings over a period of time. They will also be learning about the

famous scientist, Charles Darwin, and his theory of evolution of animals. Finally, they will be using their critical thinking skills to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of adaptation and inheritance.

Stationery required in your child's pencil case

White board pen

White board eraser

Pencil

Pencil eraser

Blue or black ball point pen

Red pen

Glue stick

Ruler

Sharpener

Scissors

Protractor

Coloured pencils

Highlighters green and yellow

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Many thanks,

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