

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our focus this term will be *Derbyshire Vs the World* in which we will make cross-curricular links between history, Geography, Art and Science. Primarily, this unit is intended as a local area study which will focus on key eras in Derbyshire's history, including the Industrial Revolution and the World Wars. Furthermore, we will focus on the achievements of famous people associated with Derbyshire such as Richard Arkwright, Ellen MacArthur, Florence Nightingale, Vivienne Westwood and Jack O'Connell. This will also enable us to make curricular links through literacy, as we write biographies and non-chronological reports.

P.E this term will continue to be held on Thursday afternoon, with a focus on outdoor games and activities, as well as dance. Please make sure that your child comes to school in a PE kit that will keep them warm outside, and make sure that any earrings are removed or taped over, and long hair is tied back. This term your child will require appropriate clothing for indoor and outdoor sessions, including footwear for wet conditions. Please ask if you are unsure about what your child needs. Year 5 will continue swimming lessons on Thursday afternoons.

Homework will go out on Friday, to be completed by the following Wednesday, unless otherwise stated. Homework will include, spellings taken from the National Curriculum for UKS2, and a maths revision activity or comprehension task. If you have any queries during the term please don't hesitate to come and see me after school.

Regards,

Mr Ward

Curriculum News

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Literacy - This term we will develop our writing and vocabulary skills through a focus on information and explanation texts about our local area, as well writing biographies of famous people from Derbyshire. There will be a continued focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as reading and comprehension.

Numeracy - This term we will begin work on perimeter, area and volume, as well as comparing equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also continue to practise arithmetic and problem solving questions.

History - Our *Earth Vs Derbyshire* topic will allow us to investigate the history of the local area and learn about its impact on the wider world.

Science - In Science, we will be carrying out a range of investigations as we focus on developing our skills of scientific inquiry.

Computing - Pupils will focus on creating their own databases.

PSHE - This term we will be focusing on the topic 'Bullying Matters'.

Spanish - This term we will learn to communicate in Spanish about life at school.

Art and DT - This term we will be focusing on local and famous artists from Derbyshire.

PE - In P.E we will be starting a unit on outdoor activities, including orienteering and will complete our unit on 'Dance'.