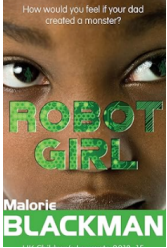


Welcome Back!



We hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break. We're looking forward to an exciting term filled with learning, creativity and new opportunities. We'll continue updating our class pages throughout the year so you can follow our learning journey and talk about it at home.

English



We'll begin with *Robot Girl* by Malorie Blackman. Children will take part in discussions, debates, dialogue writing, character comparisons and book reviews, developing their comprehension, vocabulary, critical thinking and writing skills. We'll also focus on independently improving writing and consolidating punctuation.

Weekly spellings will be sent home and tested every Tuesday, alongside spelling, vocabulary and phonics lessons in school.



In whole-class Guided Reading, we'll explore extracts and complete daily reading activities. Our first book will be *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

Maths

We'll begin with place value, followed by addition and subtraction of larger numbers. Children will develop mental strategies, use rounding to check answers and explain their mathematical reasoning. Manipulatives will support understanding and fluency.

We'll continue using Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) regularly in school and encourage children to practise at home. Please contact us if you need login details.

Geography

Our topic is Mountains – The Alps. We'll explore the physical and human features of the Alps, what life is like there and how tourism affects the area throughout the year.

History

We'll be learning about The Vikings, including their arrival in Britain, how they lived, key features and key battles.

Science

We'll begin with Properties of Materials and Forces, using practical activities to make predictions, draw conclusions and develop our working scientifically skills. We'll encourage children to ask questions, investigate and build their curiosity.

PE & Uniform

PE will take place every Friday afternoon, alongside Tuesday afternoons on a 2-week-on, 2-week-off rotation. Further details will be communicated during the term.

On PE days, children must come to school wearing the following PE kit:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Blue or black shorts, joggers or leggings
- Trainers

PSHE & RE

PSHE will follow the SCARF programme and will be taught weekly.

In RE, we'll explore "What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?" After half term, we'll consider "Why do Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah?". Children will be encouraged to respect different beliefs, opinions and points of view and to discuss them positively.

Homework

Homework will be given out on Thursday and returned on Tuesday. It will include:

- Reading comprehension
- Maths
- Weekly spellings

What's Coming Up?

We have lots to look forward to this year, including the Harvest Festival, whole-school walk, trips and visitors. As well as a range of after-school clubs for children to take part in.

We would also like to invite parents/carers to a Meet the Teachers meeting on Friday 18th September at 2:45pm. This will be an opportunity to meet the teaching team, ask questions and catch up with us in person.

If you have any questions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to contact school via the class email year5@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk or admin email admin@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk.

We're very much looking forward to a fantastic year together!

Best wishes

The Year 5 Team - Miss Maxa, Mrs Coombes, Mrs Bater and Mrs Monger.