



Thistle Hill Academy



Year 5 Class Newsletter, Term 1, 2019/2020

Key Dates:

Roald Dahl Day

Friday 13th
September

KS2 Rounders

Parent Event

3RD October @ 2.00

FAB FINISH

Tuesday 8th October

Last day of Term:

Friday 11th October



Creative Curriculum Topic - Deserts

This term, we will be learning about deserts around the world. Deserts cover about one third of the land on Earth and range from some of the hottest places on the planet to some of the coldest places. We will be learning about what they are like, what can be found living there and how to survive in such harsh environments.

In addition to this we will be looking at various artists, such as Monet, Turner, Picasso, Braque and Hockney and studying how they interpreted the landscape in their work and then creating our own desert artwork.

Ready to be shared in our FABULOUS FINISH art gallery.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be covering the following topics:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction

Consolidating prior knowledge and using a variety of games and strategies to master key concepts.

English

This term, we will be using our topic to help us to write a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be writing setting descriptions, focusing on using descriptive language, writing reports, using the information we have found out, about deserts and writing recounts of some of the adventurers who have explored these lands.

It is important that we keep focussing on fundamental skills, including sentence structure and key spelling rules (see the spelling strategy letter for your child's year group)

PE

We will have PE lessons on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. For outdoor PE, we will be developing Tag Rugby skills. For indoor PE, we will be completing Health Related Exercises each week.

Please ensure PE kits are in school during the week as PE slots are subject to change.



Computing

In Computing we will be using Purplemash and the "Hour of Code" website to learn how to write programs to control characters and events on the screen.

Science

This term, in Science, we will be focusing on **Animals, including humans** Finding out about the different stages of the human lifecycle.

RE

We will be looking for answers to the question; Why do some people believe in god exists?

Homework

Homework will be given out on Friday and is due in by the following Thursday.

Reading: children should read at least 3 times a week in order to build their vocabulary. Please record all reading in the reading record daily. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

PSHE/SEAL

We will be exploring what it means to be a role-model and how important it is to set a good example for others. We will also be developing our BLP skills to become independent learners.