

Bellfield Primary School

Summer Term Newsletter

Year Group: 5



Dear parents and carers,

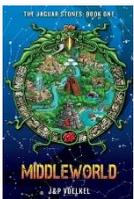
Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We are all looking forward to another fantastic term. Please find below information regarding what your child will be learning this term. Remember, all communication will continue to be sent out via Seesaw and Parent Pay. For any additional learning that is taking place, please see our school website under the curriculum tab, Facebook and our amazing Twitter page.

Thank you, Miss Howard

Welcome and Termly News

Welcome back everyone! I hope you've all had a fantastic break and are ready for the new term ahead! We had a superb Spring Term and I am so proud of everything the children achieved. I cannot wait to see what amazing work the children produce this term.

Literacy this term and our chosen author/text:



In Literacy this term, we are focussing on the text, Middleworld, by J&P Voelkel. We will be looking at a range of genres through this text including writing an historical text, an explanation text and a question and answer poem. The book tells the story of fourteen-year-old Max, who loves video games. He is summoned to follow his parents on an archaeological dig in Central America, only to find they have disappeared when he arrives! The book has 5 star reviews and promises to be an exciting read!

Maths this term:

As Mathematicians, we will be learning about the different properties of shape with a focus on angles. We will learn how to use a protractor to accurately measure angles and be able to identify different types of angles in a shape. We will learn about angles on a straight line and those around a point. Later in the term, we will move on to position and direction. We will learn about what is mean by translation, reflection and symmetry. We will learn how to read the co-ordinates of shapes and move them as directed.

Curriculum:

Our topic this term is called 'Stargazers'. In history, we will be learning about the Ancient Maya Civilization. We will be looking at where in the world Ancient Mayan ruins were discovered, what artefacts have been discovered by archaeologists and how this has helped to tell the story of the Mayan people, how they developed over time and the city states of Maya and how they were organised. In our geography lessons we will find out where the Maya lived. We will compare the geography of Mesoamerica to the physical features of the United Kingdom and we will investigate the way of life in modern Mayan people.

Science:

In Science, we will be learning about Earth and Space and Forces.

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In our Earth and Space unit we will learn about spherical bodies, the equator and hemispheres. We will know why the Earth rotates and that night and day it is caused by the Earth's rotation. We will investigate how the moon moves, its phases and how this impacts the Earth. We will then look to name and order the planets in the solar system and the movement of the Earth and other planets in relation to the sun.

Throughout our Forces unit, we will learn about gravity and that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting upon it. We will answer the questions; what is air resistance? What is water resistance? What is friction? We will then look at a range of objects and machines which use pulleys and gears and how these mechanics create a greater force.

Special events

Event	Date	Time
Queens Jubilee Party Day	Thursday 26 th May	All Day
KS2 Sports Day	Tuesday 14 th June	TBC
Summer Fayre	Monday 27 th June	TBC
Reports to be sent home	Friday 8 th July	