

## Diary Dates

### Year 5 Forest Schools

First session on  
Thursday 23rd April,  
and every Thursday AM  
thereafter (6 weeks)

### KS2 Sports Day

Wednesday 20th May  
(2pm)

### KS2 Disco

Friday 22nd May

### HALF TERM

25th May – 29th May

### Year 5/6 Netball Festival

Tuesday 9th June

### Garden Party

Wednesday 24th June

### Day of Many Colours Fundraiser

Friday 29th June

### Musical

Thursday 2nd July  
2pm (dress rehearsal)  
and 7pm

Friday 3rd July 7pm

### Leaver's Mass and Disco

Tuesday 7th July

### Reports Go Home

Friday 10th July

### Oscars

Friday 10th July

### Last School Day

Tuesday 21st July

# Year 5 Lights, Camera, Action!

Welcome back to the Summer Term, Year 5! Hopefully you have all had lots of opportunities to get out and enjoy the unseasonably warm weather! Our Year of Adventure theme continues, as Year 5 are crossing the continent to visit our American cousins! Miss Ferrara and I were so excited to plan this topic, we are confident that Year 5 and 6 are going to love it! As usual, there will be plenty of challenges and discoveries to be had! I'm sure Year 5 are just as excited as I am for the hugely successful annual Year 5/6 production this term! More details to follow!



*From  
Broadway to  
BRW:  
An American  
Adventure!*

In **RE**, we will focus on three topics this term: **Transformation, Freedom and Responsibility** and the final Year 5 topic will be **Stewardship**. I have been hugely impressed by Year 5's efforts in their 'Come and See' work and I hope that everyone will continue to strive to achieve a deeper understanding through the scriptures, discussions, collective and individual work on what is means to grow, change and take responsibility for our actions in this life.

In **English**, we will continue to study a range of different text types, kicking off with looking at what it takes to be a great writer of non-fiction texts, writing information texts, letters, persuasive texts, and looking closely at some of the lives of famous Americans. We will build on our grammar skills through revision of word, sentence and paragraph structuring in fiction and non-fiction styles of writing. Year 5 are already brilliant at self-editing, peer-editing and improving on their writing, so we will aim to challenge ourselves even further this term by refining what we are good at and exploring what we have learned, with plenty of opportunities to show off what we can do in longer pieces of written work.

In **Mathematics**, we will continuing to face adventure through exciting maths challenges requiring us to use our problem-solving skills. We will revisit fractions and decimals, properties of different shapes; continuing to measure and record, which links with our science objectives. We will also be practising out mental maths skills weekly, so keep practising those times tables, and don't forget to look at the Year 5 objectives booklets for an idea of what we will be covering this term!

## Ways to help....

Please continue reading with your child every day, signing their homework diary to ensure good communication between home and school. **If you would like further support with helping your child with their reading, please get in touch with Miss Eckersley.**

Please be aware that Forest Schools is starting this term on Thursday mornings. Your child may come into school in their outdoor clothes, but must bring their uniform, including school shoes, in order to change into their uniform when we get back.

As the weather is getting warmer, pupils are allowed to put on long-lasting sun cream in the morning before they come into school. Suitable hats and/ or sunglasses may be worn at break time.

Homework will continue to be given out and collected in on **Wednesdays**. Don't forget homework clubs are running after school on Mondays and before school on Wednesdays. Please speak to the office for further information and to book a place. Also, make sure you check the blog for additional homework help <http://brwacademy.com/year-5/year-5-homework-resources>.

We will be continuing our links with the Becket school in **music**, studying notation, composition, as well as performing in time to a beat with a range of woodwind, brass and string instruments.

Through **Geography** and **History**, children will be learning about the exciting American States, studying the varied culture and land uses. There will be plenty of creative opportunities for pupils to show off their brilliant knowledge independently, and work in groups with a passion for all things American!

In **Science**, children will be investigating through a series of practical sessions involving designing their own experiments and test a range of forces using specific equipment. They will continue to improve their recording and evaluation skills through generating a scientific report at the end of each session. Our topics for the Summer are Life Cycles (continued) for the first half term, followed by Light in the second term.

Pupils will have a second opportunity in **Computing** to use programmable LEGO software and hardware to create and program under the theme of American Football! The children will also have the opportunity to complete some art using different software packages. As always, we will continue to use the Internet as an effective and safe research tool to support learning.

We will be studying Pop Art this half term in **Art**, with plenty of opportunities for pupils to study the work of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein and their rebellion against more traditional art forms to produce work that is wholly representative of modern culture, much of which is still relevant today! Later on in the second half term, pupils will be studying bridge structures in **Design and Technology**. They will be using famous American examples of bridges such as the Golden Gate or Brooklyn to design and construct their very own bridge with an opening and closing mechanism!



Our **PE** lessons for the first half term will focus on **athletics** as we gear up towards Sports Day (see dates list for details). We will be looking at throwing, running and jumping techniques. Later on in the term, we will look at **outdoor games**, with an opportunity for pupils to play rounder's-style American favourite sport, baseball!

Year five will certainly be out and about a fair bit this half term, as we embark on an adventure to Glapton Woods on Thursday mornings, where we will let our imaginations roam and our creativity flow! Look out for a blog post special, as one lucky child will be selected to blog about their experience in the woods each week!

We will continue with our **French**, building on conversation skills through speaking and listening activities, games, singing and other interactive media. Also, look out for a theme day coming in July!

## Outdoor Learning and Educational Visits

We can look forward to some very exciting opportunities to take our learning outside of the classroom this term! We can also look forward to some visitors coming in to demonstrate the wonders of light in **Science** and possibly a little bit of magic, too!

Watch this space for more exciting details flying your way soon!