

# Ditton C of E Junior school

*To have life, and have it to the full. John  
10:10*



## Year 5 – Term 2

### This term's novel



### Recommended Reads!

**Boy in the Tower** by Polly Ho-Yen

**Heidi** by Johanna Spyri

**Artemis Fowl** by Eoin Colfer

**Clockwork** by Phillip Pullman

**Emil and the detectives**  
by Erich Kastner

**The ghost of Thomas Kempe**  
by Penelope Lively

### English

We are starting this term with our new visual text called Ruin by Wes Ball. It is a very engaging video that creates a lot of writing opportunities.

#### Key Skills Covered

In Year 5 we will revisit previous learning in addition to:

- Exploring contrasting character perspectives
- Exploring tense and verb forms
- Developing oral comprehension

### Reading

Children should continue to read as much as possible at home and complete quizzes on their books. Please ensure that they try to read at least 3 times per week.

There will be a lot going on in Term 2, as we lead up to Christmas it is always a busy term. We will endeavor to remind you of upcoming events via Dojo. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Couchman and Miss Baker

### GPS

There will be a whole English lesson dedicated to the teaching of Grammar, spelling and punctuation on Wednesdays. This learning will then be consolidated in all other English lessons throughout the week. Spellings will be learnt in class and tested through purple mash.

Computing	Mathematics	Science	R.E.
<p>We will continue to use our new Purple Mash computing software.</p> <p>This term we are specifically going to focusing on Unit 5.5 called Game Creator</p> <p>The children will be able to review and analyse computer games and the aspects that make them successful. They will be able to design a setting and characters for their own game and think about an appropriate quest.</p>	<p>As <b>mathematicians</b> we will continue working on skills of multiplication and division and area and perimeter.</p> <p>The ability to solve multiplication and division questions, and use multiplicative thinking is helpful to children in everyday life. Multiplication forms the building block for other mathematical concepts.</p> <p>Perimeter and area are also two fundamental mathematical topics. They help you to quantify physical space and also provide a foundation for algebra.</p>	<p>In science, we will be learning about animals including humans.</p> <p>Finding answers to the questions - Do all lifecycles look the same?</p> <p>Why and how do our bodies change at different times in our lives?</p> <p>Why might these differ between people?</p>	<p>We will be learning about Incarnation and will be debating whether Jesus was the Messiah.</p> <p>As Christmas falls in this term, we will be enjoying a number of other lessons/activities which will reinforce the importance of the Christmas story. We shall also enjoy visiting St Peter's Church for our annual Christmas service led by Rev. Terranova and the Leading Lights group.</p>
P.E.	Languages	Dates	PSHE
<p>We are very lucky to continue having Miss Piper from PASS who will be teaching the children their outdoor cricket skills.</p> <p>They will also be learning to play handball.</p>	<p>We are continuing to learn French in Year 5 and as <b>linguists</b> we be using our new Language Angels scheme to cover the topics of "Do you have pets?"</p> <p>We will also be broadening their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary. Children will also be using their conversational skills to discuss their new learning.</p>	<p>Shakespeare class assembly - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 2:30pm</p> <p>Children in Need – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</p> <p>Term 2 Ends—Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022</p> <p>Parent Consultations – 30<sup>th</sup> Nov and 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</p>	<p>We will be continuing to use our Jigsaw scheme of work and this term's focus is "Celebrating Difference."</p> <p>This will incorporate discussion about the following topics: Different cultures, racism, rumours and name-calling, bullying and celebrating difference across the world.</p>
Music	Values focus	Art	Geography
<p>As <b>musicians</b> we will use continue to learn music from different genres and understand the different styles of music from different periods.</p>	<p>Year 5's value focus is <b>respect</b>.</p> <p>We will have a focus on what this really means and how we can be respectful members of our school and community and how we can use this value to help with our transition to Year 5.</p>	<p>Another day, another disaster. We will be creating an apocalyptic printed scene in the style of Stanley Donwood, linking to our English topic.</p>	<p>We will be looking at disaster zones and natural disasters which links with both our art and English topics.</p>