

Year 5 Learning Letter

Friday 12th March 2021

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Spellings

This is our latest list of spellings. These will be in your child's diary. Please use **Spellzone** to practise at home as well as any other methods which work for you!

Spelling Rule-suffixes

beginning with vowels to words ending "fer"

Homophones-

steal/steel
who's/whose
aloud/allowed
wary/weary
aisle/isle
affect/effect

Year 5 statutory spellings

leisure

lightning

marvellous

mischievous

muscle

necessary

neighbour

nuisance

We were so happy to welcome the rest of Year 5 back this week. Those children that have been in school during lockdown were really pleased to see them and we could see how thrilled the others were to return to the classrooms and to their friends. Thank you for your support during the last couple of months, we know how difficult the change to remote learning was, but everyone adapted so well.

This learning letter will provide a few reminders of routines and give you an idea of how we will be approaching learning (including expected homework, for the next few weeks).

Over the next two weeks we will be:

- Finding out about **animal reproduction** in Science - **please note that the children will be taught specific scientific vocabulary for this topic.** We are aware that they may want to talk further about this at home and may be using some of the new terms that they are taught.
- Finishing work on **journalism and newspaper reports.**
- Continuing with **spelling** (see separate information) and **grammar** activities.
- Continuing to use different sketching techniques in Art
- Following the **Healthy Me** part of the PSHE Jigsaw.
- Moving on to a unit of work on **Decimals and Percentages**
- Finishing our **clothes** topic in French

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March. Find out how local resident Billy Monger has been pushing himself to the limit to raise money. <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/challenges/billy/>
Next Friday we invite the children to come to school dressed as a superhero or in mufti with crazy hair or jazzy socks in return for an online donation via Tucasi of £1 or more.

Maths KIRF - Please see further details on the school website [North Downs Primary School - Key Instant Recall Facts](#) (which can be found in the **Curriculum** part of the website. This half term the children should be practising the following at home: **I can identify prime numbers up to 20**
It would also be useful to review the **Decimal Bonds KIRF** from Autumn 1.

Home Learning:

Please focus on learning spellings, times tables, doing daily reading, and the maths KIRF. In addition to this, if you feel it is appropriate for your child, they can research any areas of current topic, or science to extend their learning at home.
For the next few weeks, we **will not** set any formal home learning on Teams as we feel the children will need a break from too much screen time. However, if they are using TT Rockstars and Spellzone, we will be able to see the progress they are making.

World Book Day Tokens -£1 book tokens, courtesy of World Book Day, have been sent home. The vouchers are officially valid until **28th March** although, in the current circumstances, to ensure that children have more time to use their token, participating bookshops will honour tokens beyond the 28th March, whilst stocks last. Each retailer will decide whether they are able to offer £1 off other children's titles. Unfortunately, because the support for this charity is up to individual booksellers, the tokens cannot be used online. Further info at:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/frequently-asked-questions>

