

Hello and welcome to 5B!

Autumn 2022



Meet the team

Mrs Mulligan, Miss Fletcher-Jones and Miss Hill

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and have had a good summer. This newsletter aims to answer any questions you may have and give you some information about what your child will be learning this term.

Myself (Mrs Mulligan) and Miss Fletcher-Jones are pleased to be teaching your children in Year 5 this academic year! It has been fantastic to see how enthusiastic and excited the children have been to come back to school at the start of September. They have transitioned really well from year 4 and are adapting to new routines brilliantly.

When we are having fun planning your new exciting activities, Mrs Huggins and Miss Monk will be teaching PE, spelling and RE. This is currently on Friday afternoon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at info@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk or leave a message with the office on **01384 389900** if you have any questions.

Curriculum

During the Autumn term, we are focusing on settling the children back in to school and the new daily routines.

English	In English lessons, we will be revising previous taught skills, such as handwriting, spelling and grammar. This term, the children will be focusing on applying these skills and Year 5 writing expectations, to narrative and persuasive texts. Each day, the children will take part in reading lessons and end the day with our class novel. Our reading lessons will focus on understanding the language and context of the text read to deepen and widen the children's visual knowledge. In addition to this, children will be completing daily spelling lessons, which will focus on a phoneme each week and how these can be represented by different graphemes.
Maths	In Maths, children will be revising previously learnt skills, developing their understanding of numbers up to 1,000,000, they will be counting forward and back, learning about place value, comparing numbers and correct number formation. They will be developing their knowledge of Roman numerals to 1,000,000 and correctly writing numbers in words. Children will be solving calculations using the four operations both mentally and through the use of written methods.
Science	In Science, children will be studying earth and space. In this unit, children will study astronomy. They will learn that the word astronomy comes from the Greek word astron meaning 'star'. Therefore, astronomy is the science that studies the laws of the stars and everything in universe beyond the Earth's atmosphere. The substantive concepts of this unit are motion, force, energy, matter and space. In this unit, the children will learn about the evolution of the universe, gravity, the solar system, lunar phases and about galaxies.

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Art	In Art, we will be focusing on Surrealism movement, through this we will explore emotions, visual language, the art process, effects and colour theory. In particular we will be focusing on the artist Salvador Dali.
Design Technology.	In Design Technology we will be evaluating, designing and making framed structures.
Music	In, Music the learning will focus around one song: Livin' On A Prayer. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other classic rock songs
Computing	Computing will challenge the children's coding skills. They will learn to understand how to use friction in code, what a function is and how functions work in code, what the different variables types are and how they are used differently and how to create a string.
Geography	Children will be developing their map reading skills, by understanding OS map symbols and the four-point grid reference.
History	Children will be studying Bagdad 900CE and will be building on well-established substantive concepts of power, religion, civilisation and conflict.
PE	During our PE sessions, they will be developing their skills in football, the children will also be swimming alternate weeks (please see separate letter).
PSHE	Our driving question for our PSHE sessions will be what makes up a person's identity?
RE	Our RE lessons will focus on the key question: How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion?
Modern Foreign languages – French	French lessons this term will develop the children's phonetics and key vocabulary.



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Important Notes

- Please **label** all items of clothing, shoes and personal belongings that your child wears or brings to school. This will help us get it back to you if it is lost.
- Your child will need to bring a labelled water bottle in with them each day. They are also encouraged to bring a healthy snack for break time.
- PE will be on Fridays and alternate Wednesdays, please ensure that your child's kit is labelled and in a named bag. We would be grateful if earrings could be taken out and hair tied back. Children will get dressed for PE at school.
- Reading books will need to be brought with them every day. Children are encouraged to read as much as possible as this helps to not only develop their reading but also writing skills and widens their knowledge.

Please let us know if there will be a different adult collecting your child than normal at the end of the day. If you wish your child to travel home on their own please collect a letter from the office. This will allow us to ensure a smooth home time routine.

Thank you for your continued support!

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