



Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2—2024/2025



Notices and Reminders

Our PE day is on **Monday**.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit contains:

- A Mytchett logo PE t-shirt or a plain t-shirt in the house colours
 - Black shorts
- Black tracksuit top/ grey Mytchett hoodie
 - Black tracksuit bottoms
 - Trainers (that fit!)

Homework will now be given out on a Friday and due back the following Thursday.

Key Dates

Monday 24th February 2025 – start of spring 2 half term

Monday 3rd March 2025 – Y1 phonics workshop (5:30pm)

Thursday 6th March 2025 – World Book Day; Nursery and Reception bedtime stories at school (5pm)

Friday 21st March 2025 – SMILE afternoon

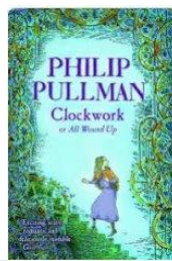
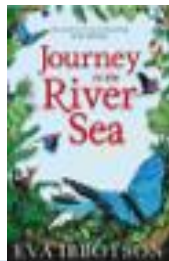
Monday 31st March-Tuesday 1st April 2025 – Y4 Minstead residential

Thursday 3rd April 2025 – end of spring 2 half term (1:30pm collection)

Friday 4th April 2025 – INSET day (academy closed to all children)

Reading

The children will finish reading 'Journey to the River Sea' and then begin 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. This is a suspenseful fairy tale involving a tormented apprentice clock-maker and a deadly knight in armour. The children will continue to develop their comprehension skills through careful analysis and discussion of the text.



Writing

In their composition lessons, the children will be looking at features of a warning tale. They will plan and independently write a story with a purpose to entertain. They will then move on to looking at features of persuasive writing.

In their language lessons, the children will build their confidence in identifying and using relative clauses. They will then begin to explore how to use brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis.



Maths

In maths, the children will finish their fractions learning by finding fractions of amounts and calculating whole amounts from a given fraction. They will then begin to learn about decimals up to 3 decimal places. The children will then begin to recognise equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

$$0.5 \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad 50\%$$

DECIMAL FRACTION PERCENTAGE

Science

In science, the children will be learning about Earth and space. They will learn about the movements of planets and the Moon. The children will be able to explain how day and night occurs before studying notable scientists who, throughout history, have impacted our understanding.



Geography

The children will learn about the locational, physical and human geography of Brazil with a focus on Sao Paulo. They will then explore environmental geography by looking at the Amazon Rainforest, and considering the causes and impacts of deforestation in the Amazon.



RE

In RE, the children will learn about why certain individuals believe in a god, specifically focussing on how God and angels are viewed. They will also be considering independent views towards religion and how these can be different from person to person.



PE

This term, the children will develop their knowledge of the game of badminton. They will learn how to perform a net shot, an overhead clear and an overhead dropshot. The children will then apply these techniques and consider tactics in a competitive situation.



Computing

This half term in computing, the children will be looking at various databases. They will look at the features of databases and the different types we have, collect their own data and input this into a database, choosing the correct method to do so.



PSHE

This half term, the children will be looking at the topic of finance. The children will explore the important role finance plays in people's lives, what it means to be a critical consumer and how to keep track of money. The children will also look at loans and paying tax.



French

In French, the children will continue to learn the vocabulary for classroom objects. They will be saying these orally, as well as learning how to write these words down. In addition, they will be building on their knowledge and skills to perform a role play in a coffee shop. Bon appetit!



Suggested books for reading

