

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 5 – Summer Term 1 2024

English

During our English session this term, we will be exploring a range of text types including:

- Wanted posters
- Fantasy character description
- Diary entry
- Balanced argument
- News a paper article

We will continue to explore 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to find them' by JK Rowling by creating writing in a similar style. We will also be reading 'Jemmy Button' by Alix Barzelay. We will be writing a balanced argument and a newspaper report using the text for inspiration. Additionally, your child will take part in guided reading activities daily using a range of different texts where the children will be expected to apply a range of reading skills. Further to this, we will also continue to engage with our 'Let's Think in English' units to support deeper thinking skills and strategies.

Maths

Our daily maths sessions and mental maths this half term will include:

Statistics

- Draw, read and interpret line graphs
- Investigate two-way tables
- Read and interpret timetables

Shape

- Understand and use degrees
- Classifying and estimating angles
- Measure and draw angles
- Calculate angles around a point
- Irregular and regular polygons
- Position and direction
- Coordinates, translation, symmetry and reflection

Position and direction

- Read and plot and co-ordinates
- Solve problems with co-ordinates
- Translate with co-coordinates
- Lines of symmetry
- Reflection in horizontal and vertical lines

Volcanoes

Other Information

PE Days – Our PE sessions will be outside on Mondays and inside on Thursdays. Please check that the children have suitable clothing for all weathers and that all items are named clearly. It is important your child has their P.E kit in school every day due to potential timetable changes.

Water Bottles - Drinking water regularly, throughout the day, hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school and that it is taken home and cleaned on a regular basis.

Reading Books - Library Day is on a Thursday.

Home learning

Children will have a selection of tasks to complete over a series of weeks. They will need to complete a certain number of tasks to achieve 20 points, however they will have a choice over which activities to choose. Children have until Monday 13th May to complete it.

Reading

Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week and complete a page of their reading journal. This supports their vocabulary and fluency reading skills and promotes a love for reading.

Times Tables

Children who aren't yet fluent in their multiplication tables will need to practise at home and will be given further support in school. Times Table Rockstars is a fantastic way to practise at home.

Spelling Shed

Log in to Spelling Shed and complete the tasks set by your teacher. It is important you practise your spellings and engage with the games.

Our learning during this unit will include....

Science - In science, we will be learning about Earth and space. We will be looking at the mass of different planets and comparing them. Additionally, there will be exploration into the definition of a planet and some of the other celestial bodies in our solar system.

Computing - In computing, we will continue to work with our programming and coding expert who will teach us new essential key skills.

PE - We will be focusing on different skills using bats and balls, primarily focusing on cricket, tennis and rounders.

Geography - Our geography topic this term is volcanoes. We will be looking at specific volcanoes and how they compare. We will also be finding out how people live near volcanoes.

RE - We will be learning about Hindu gods and the Christian God.

Art - In art, we will be focusing on the skill of drawing by exploring the artist David Hockney and drawing abstract designs inspired by rivers deltas.

PSHE – This terms key question is – How will we grow and change? In this unit of work, pupils learn about puberty and how bodies change including menstruation. We will send you a letter nearer the time to inform you when we will be covering this.

Music - The children will listen and respond to "Deepest Relaxing Ambient Music Angelic Choir from Outer Space". They will be listening and exploring voices, untuned and tuned instruments to create their own version of the composition.

Spanish: We will be learning key vocabulary and phrases related to sports including: sports clothes, buying souvenirs at sports shops and asking how much items are.