

Year 5 Summer 2 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to an enjoyable half-term before the children begin the last year of their primary education! Here is an outline of what we will cover over the next few weeks.

Topic	Our Geography topic is map and atlas skills. We will use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe their features. We will also use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.
Science	We will continue investigating properties and the changing states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) - reversible and irreversible changes.
Maths	This half term we will practise using mental and written methods of multiplication and division; practise calculation methods to help add, subtract and multiply non-unit fractions; solve problems by calculating percentage and decimal fractions of different numbers; practise drawing and interpreting data using different types of graphs and calculate time intervals using the 24 hour clock; recap perimeter and area and solve problems related to these; and solve problems and identify patterns about number including squares and cubes using all four operations.
English	This half-term, we will have a variety of stimuli for writing. We will be reading "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes. We will focus on non-fiction genres such as persuasive and newspaper report writing, plus narrative poetry. We will continue to focus on comprehension in guided reading and spelling and grammar will feature throughout the week within the English lesson. Even if you are unable to hear your child read on a regular basis, please do discuss their reading with them.
P.E. and Games	We will be doing cricket and tennis in games and PE respectively. The children will have an opportunity to build upon and develop their basic striking and fielding skills.
R.E.	What does it mean to be a Buddhist? How Buddhists live their lives through their faith. How the teachings of Buddhism are arranged through the eight-fold path, four noble truths, symbols and five precepts. Children will learn about the Sangha (Buddhist community) and Dharma (ultimate truth).
Computing	Children will develop their moviemaking skills by creating an advertisement.
DT	This term, the children will be working in groups to design and create bird houses. They will use a range of equipment and resources to bring their designs to life.
Music	Reflect, Rewind and Replay: We will be revisiting and consolidating our learning of songs from this year.
French	Our focus for the next half term will be 'Chez moi', including the different rooms of a house and activities that people do at home.
P.S.H.C.E.	1. Managing change: In this unit, children will consider situations involving change and loss in a range of contexts, including moving home, changing schools, bereavement and family change. 2. Me and growing and changing – further information will be provided to you nearer the time.
Trips	Orange Tree Theatre Trip: 11 th June Dragon Boating – 5W – 18 th June; 5T – 19 th June; 5M – 20 th June Potential visit to the National Archives, in Kew, to study maps and history of London (no cost).

Maths homework will be given out on Mondays, to be completed for Friday.

Spelling lists will be issued on Wednesdays, to be learned for the following Wednesday in advance of a test.

Finally, Topic/English homework will be given out on Friday to be handed in on Monday after the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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