

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a lovely Easter. We are thrilled to have welcomed all children back to school and are looking forward to hopefully, having a more normal term.

Communication

We will continue to use the Dojo messaging system for communication and will also be retaining Classkick, for use with homework each week. This term, we will be conducting our Parents' Evening via an 8-minute video call to discuss how your child has settled back into school, and to update you about their learning.

Topics this term

This term we will be looking at the poem 'The Highwayman', by Alfred Noyes, and our class book will be 'The Strange Worlds Travel Agency' by L.D. Lapinski. In the second half term, we will be basing our literacy around 'The Jungle Book' by Rudyard Kipling, using this as inspiration for a range of different types of creative writing. We will be focusing on vocabulary in context and imagery, in addition to consolidating character and setting descriptions, information writing and narrative writing. The punctuation and grammar focus will be relative clauses and pronouns, fronted adverbials, modal verbs, brackets, dashes and commas to show extra information, and speech and dialogue. We will also be strongly revising the use of basic punctuation and sentence structure.

We would also encourage continued use of Spellzone at home to ensure progression in spelling skills.

Each child will still be able to borrow two books from the library. One is to remain at school while the other may be taken home. Books can be returned to the library on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. New books can be chosen each Monday or Friday.

In Maths this term, we will be covering the following objectives from the Year 5 curriculum, alongside re-enforcement of skills and objectives from the previous year:

- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages- reading and writing decimals; understanding tenths, hundredths and thousandths; ordering and comparing decimals; rounding decimals; addition and subtraction of decimals; multiplying and dividing decimals by powers of 10; understanding percentages.
- Geometry- identifying angles; comparing and ordering angles; measuring angles using a protractor; drawing lines and angles; calculating angles.
- Shape- 2D and 3D shapes; describing positions; translation of shapes; lines of symmetry; coordinates and reflection.
- Measurement- metric and imperial units of measure; converting units of time; timetables; volume and capacity.

We will continue to consolidate written methods of number and basic skills. Additionally, it is important to continue learning of multiplication tables and we would encourage regular access of TT Rockstars at home.

Foundation Subjects

History - Local History Study

Geography - Energy and Sustainability

Science - Separating Mixtures (Chemistry); Physical and Chemical Changes (Chemistry and Physics)

Computing - E-Safety; Vector Drawings; Programming- Selection in Physical Computing; Video Editing

Art - Observational Sketching and Drawing

D&T - Culture and Seasonality; children will be making soup (linked to Judaism topic).

RE - Judaism (Worship in the Home)

We will also be continuing to learn French and will be exploring an adapted music curriculum in line with our Covid Risk Assessment.

Dates

Half term: Monday 31st May- Monday 7th June (Children return to school on Tuesday 8th June)

Parents' Evening video conferences: Wednesday 21st April and Thursday 22nd April

Summer Holidays: Monday 19th July- Thursday 2nd September (Children return to school on Friday 3rd September)

Timetable

Please find attached a copy of our timetable. This is to give you an idea about what your child has learned each day but is subject to change (other than PE).

This year our PE day is a Wednesday. Please remember that your child should come to school already dressed for PE in line with our changes. Our class will continue to access Forest Schools throughout the year and we will let you know in advance so that appropriate clothing can be worn to school on those days.

Homework

In Year 5, children will receive Maths and English homework on a Friday, to be completed by the following Wednesday when it will be marked. This will be posted on Google Classrooms and is to be completed on Classkick. In addition to our English and Maths

homework, we ask that you continue read with your child. Whether they have read to you or you to them, *please can you encourage your child to regularly update their reading record and then can you initial it each week as a check.* Children should have their school reading book in their bag on a daily basis to enable us to listen to them read.

Yours sincerely

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