

Home-School Link Letter

Year: 5 Term: Autumn 2



English	<p>In English this half term we will be focussing on the 'Big Question - Which animal makes the toughest migration?' The children will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the skills of skimming and scanning to find answers to questions• Use the organisational features of an eBook to find information• Revise and develop the use of relative clauses to present information clearly• Plan and write a chronological report about a specific animal migration <p>In English this half-term we will be focussing on the fiction unit: 'Greek Myths'. The children will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use drama and inference to empathise with the characters• Identify different themes in myths• Discuss the author's use of devices to build cohesion• Indicate parenthesis in different ways• Plan and write their own myths, focusing on including powerful language and using devices of cohesion <p>Children will also have weekly 'Reading Comprehension' sessions which will focus on developing their fact retrieval and inferential skills whilst also looking at the author's use of language.</p> <p>Children will also complete a weekly 'Big Write' and participate in a weekly spelling, grammar and punctuation session.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths this half term we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• divisibility• factors and multiples• equivalent fractions• simplifying fractions• multiplying 3 and 4-digit numbers• dividing 3-digit numbers with remainders represented as fractions• measuring and drawing angles• classifying angles• different parts of a circle• the radius of circles• inverse operations <p>The children will also have weekly 'Reasoning and Problem Solving' sessions to apply their knowledge to real-life situations. In addition, children will complete daily 'Mental Maths' activities.</p>
Topic	<p>Our topic this half-term is 'Ancient Greece'. We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alexander the Great and his empire• Ancient Greek traders• Home life• Buildings of Ancient Greece• Different periods of Ancient Greece• Greek lifestyle and clothing <p>Ancient Greek Workshop- children to dress as Ancient Greeks- Tuesday 7th November 2017</p>

<p>Science</p>	<p>In Science this half-term, our focus will be 'Forces'. We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gravity • Opposing forces • Friction • Air resistance • Water resistance • Mechanical devices • Levers, pulleys, gears
<p><u>PE</u> Children's PE sessions will be on a Wednesday. The sessions this half term will cover 'Dance' and 'Invasion Games'. Children must have hair tied up and all jewellery off during these lessons. All sessions will build on skills and support children in working as a team and evaluating their work.</p>	<p><u>ICT</u> This half term we will be learning about 'Online Safety'. We will be looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of keeping personal information safe • Issues concerning the reliability of sources and people online • Creating a comic strip to share knowledge about online safety
<p><u>RE</u> During RE this half-term we will be focusing on 'Marriage'. The children will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term 'relationship' and how this applies to them • Christian weddings and the public ceremony which celebrates this • Jewish weddings and the public ceremony which celebrates this • Muslim weddings and the public ceremony which celebrates this • Sikh weddings and the public ceremony which celebrates this 	<p><u>PHSE</u> During PSHE this half-term we will be focusing on 'Rights and Responsibilities'. The children will be looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights and duties and how they can be applied to our daily lives • Why we all have rights and responsibilities • Rights that children and adolescents acquire at particular stages in their lives • Recognising the needs of others and identifying the best way we can help them
<p><u>Reading Information:</u> In Year 5 we are encouraging your children to continue to be enthusiastic readers. To support this, children will be able to change their books throughout the week. Please ensure an adult at home listens to your child read at least once a week and completes the Reading Record.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Key Dates</u></p> <p>Reading Book changed - Children are responsible for changing their reading books when necessary. Reading Record checked- Friday Spelling test and new spellings - Friday PE Kit - Wednesday (Please ensure PE kit is kept in school throughout the week as additional PE may be an option) Talk for Writing- Due in Friday Greek inspiration day- Tuesday 7th November Children in Need- Friday 17th November Year 5 and 6 parent workshop- Grammar- Wednesday 22nd November Aladdin- School Panto- Tuesday 5th December Glenthorne's Got Talent- Tuesday 19th December</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">What else can you do to help your child?</p> <p>You may choose to visit a library, look on the internet or talk to your child about the areas they are learning.</p> <p>Please continue to practice spellings and times tables. Weekly 'Talk for Writing' homework will need to be completed for Friday's Big Write session.</p> <p>New activities are added weekly to Active Learn which will help support your child with areas of the curriculum. Please use this, alongside Purple Mash. You child will be given their own log ins.</p> <p>Please contact your child's class teacher if you need any advice or have any suggestions or concerns.</p>	