

Home-School Link Letter

Year: 5 Term: Autumn 1



English	<p>In English this half term we will be focussing on the fiction text: 'Oranges in No Man's Land'. We will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask questions and develop understanding of inference and the author's use of language• Use discussion and role-play to explore characters and the impact of civil war• Develop editing, proof-reading and peer-review skills• Plan, edit and write a story from a different character's point of view <p>We will also be developing our writing skills by completing 'Ros Wilson' writing lessons. These lessons focus on the children gaining the necessary skills which will allow them to achieve Year 5 expectations in writing. We will be learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to produce complex sentences- identifying main and subordinate clauses• To use punctuation for effect- particularly to create suspense for the reader• To use a range of varied openers• How to include relative clauses• The use of adverbial phrases and linking phrases between paragraphs• How to write replies to formal letters• How to continue narratives using common themes and mood <p>Children will also have weekly 'reading comprehension' sessions which will focus on developing their inferential reading skills. 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 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compare and order 5-digit numbers• Use < > symbols• Add and subtract multiples of 10, 100, 1000 from 5-digit numbers• Discuss place value for decimal numbers• Multiply and divide decimals by 10 and 100• Double and halve numbers• Read 12-hour and 24-hour clock• Calculate time intervals• Measure and convert units of length mm/cm• Calculate the perimeter of shapes• Find change from money <p>The children will also have weekly 'Problem Solving and Reasoning' sessions to apply their knowledge to real-life situations. In addition, children will complete daily 'Mental Maths' activities and 'Mental Arithmetic' and 'Maths Skills' tests.</p>
Topic	<p>Our topic this half-term is 'Ancient Egyptians'. We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Egyptologists• Pharaohs and pyramids• Defence of Ancient Egypt• Early burials• The Sphinx <p>The children will also be participating in an Ancient Egyptian inspiration day on Tuesday 12th September which aims to inspire children through exploring ancient artefacts and completing food tasting. You child will need to dress in Ancient Egyptian dress for this day.</p>

Science	<p>In Science this half-term, our focus will be: 'Earth and Space - Space Presenters'.</p> <p>We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Earth, moon and sun • How planets move around the sun • How the sun moves across the sky • Eclipses and seasons • Day and night • Different moon phases
<p><u>PE</u></p> <p>Children's PE sessions will be on a Wednesday. The sessions this half term will cover 'gymnastics' 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></p> <p>This half term we will be learning about 'Coding'. We will be looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing and writing programs • Simulating a physical system • Introducing text variables • Creating and improving a game • Internet safety
<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>During RE this half-term we will be focusing on 'Life's big questions'. The children will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamental questions humans ask themselves about life • Different answers from faiths • How attitudes and behaviours are adopted in everyday life 	<p><u>PHSE</u></p> <p>During PSHE this half-term we will be focusing on 'Right and Wrong'. The children will be looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making informed choices • Understanding moral dilemmas • Understanding the concept of fairness • Understanding and considering the notions of fairness and forgiveness • Reflecting on the concepts of kindness and charity towards others
<p><u>Reading Information:</u></p> <p>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><u>Key Dates</u></p> <p>Reading Book changed - Children are responsible for changing their reading books when necessary.</p> <p>Reading Record checked- Friday</p> <p>Spelling test and new spellings - Friday</p> <p>PE Kit - Wednesday (Please ensure PE kit is kept in school throughout the week as additional PE may be an option)</p> <p>Talk for Writing- due in Friday</p> <p>Egyptian Inspiration Day- Tuesday 12th September</p> <p>Laches Wood - Monday 9th October - Wednesday 11^h October</p> <p>Laches Wood Parent's meeting - Tuesday 19th October at 5pm</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 Education City and Purple Mash. Your 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>	