



Year 5 Summer Term 2019

'A drop in the ocean'

English

We will continue to focus on building writing stamina this term, with children being given the opportunity to write at length at least once per week. This term we will be working with non-chronological reports, autobiographies, play scripts and speeches. These text types will not be restricted to English lessons, but will be incorporated across the curriculum as part of our new topic: *A drop in the ocean*. There will be an increased emphasis on spelling and grammar skills this term too, with sessions taught alongside the *Read Write Inc* spelling programme. Monday spelling tests will continue, with children bringing home new spellings on this day. Reading Masters sessions will continue to take place daily, with children reading, interpreting and analysing a single text several days. To support in the development of your child's analytical and reasoning skills, they will be asked questions such as 'What tells you that that author wanted you to feel...?' and 'How have your perceptions about ... changed?'. Your child's teacher will be able to offer further ideas for questions which could be asked at home.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on measures (specifically those related to mass), negative numbers, time, coordinates in all four quadrants and data. There will be many opportunities for children to apply their learning to real-life contexts and for outdoor learning. In Mental Maths sessions, we will be developing children's arithmetic skills. In particular, this will involve the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), place value and fractions. We will also be continuing with the BIG MATHS 'Learn It' tests. As part of this, your child will take part in a short test each week designed to help them gain in confidence and make meaningful connections with different parts of their mathematical learning. Marvellous maths will continue as well. Children need to complete at least 4 maths activities of their choosing each week and have these recorded in their Home Learning Logs. These are checked every Monday.



Topic

We will be studying the culture, society and beliefs of the Ancient Greeks and then comparing the role of the Hellenic world with modern-day Greece. After half term, we will then begin studying the story of the Empire Windrush, as we explore the key question: *Why and how have attitudes to immigration changed in the last century?* In Art, sessions we will be working with portraits in increasing detail, building up our skills of shading, depth and tone. In our Design and Technology lessons, creating pottery in the style of the Ancient Greeks.

RE

This term we will be studying the beliefs of Hindus and Christians. Our key questions will include 'Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?'

Computing

We will be working with *Pivot* which will allow us to animate images and develop our touch-typing skills using 2Type software. We will also focus on the skills used to present and interpret data, with children then displaying their skills in group projects.



Home Learning

As children get older, it is still important for them to regularly read to - and be read to by - an adult. Please continue to listen to your child read and carry out maths activities - like practising times tables—at least **four times a week**. This half term, children will be given a choice of tasks on Purple Mash/Manga High which are to be completed by the following **Friday**.



PE

PE will take place on Thursdays this half term. Please ensure your child has a named kit and outdoor shoes in school **every day**, as there may be instances when our timetable needs to be changed at short notice.

Trips / visits

We are visiting the **Time and Tide Museum** and the **Lydia Eva Steam Drifter** (both in Great Yarmouth) on Thursday 6th June 2019. More details soon, but any parental support would be warmly welcomed!

French

This term, your children will work with vocabulary relating to food and drink, holidays abroad and the places they live in. We will spend more time writing in French too.



Music

Music lessons have been well received will continue in the same format as last term. Your child will participate in either samba drumming, ukulele or guitar sessions, with a view to performing as part of a group towards the end of term. Individual lessons will also continue.



Whitwell

The Year 5 residential camping trip to Whitwell takes place in the week beginning Monday 20th May 2019. For children not attending, in addition to the usual maths and English lessons, there will be a range of activities on offer in school. These activities will involve similar skills to those which will be being delivered at Whitwell.