



Year 5 Spring Term 2019

English

We will continue to focus on writing at length this term. 'Just Write' sessions, which have proved popular, will also continue in order for the children to freely explore different ideas in their writing. This term we will be looking in detail at Science Fiction stories, which will link with one of the famous figures we will be studying in our topic *You can make a difference too*. We will also be working with explanation texts, and will go into detail in our study of *Charlotte's Web* after half term.

Monday spelling tests will carry on too, with children bringing home new spellings on this day. Please support your child in learning their spellings using the *Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check* rule.

We will be returning to group-based Guided Reading until half term, and your child will also read to an adult at least once per week.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages; specifically what they tell us, how they're recorded and how we can convert from one to another. Later in the term, we will also extend our understanding of angles and the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Through our Whole School focus, we will also be paying particular attention to strategies which enable us to learn and recall the times tables effectively.



In Mental Maths sessions, we will focus on improving the recall of key facts on topics such as time, number 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.

Home Learning

As children get older, it is still important for them to read to - and be read to by - an adult. Please continue to listen to your child read and carry out maths activities - such as practising times tables - with them **at least four times per 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. We will also continue with the Golden Mile several times per week. Please ensure your child has a named kit and outdoor shoes in school **every day**. There may be times when days need to be changed at short notice.

Topic

We have developed this term's topic curriculum in collaboration with the children, ensuring that it links to our whole school topic, *You can make a difference too*.

We will be learning about famous figures including Sir Isaac Newton and Dame Jane Goodall, using their scientific discoveries to help us understand the world around us. We will also think about the effect that the life and work of these people has had on shaping our history, and how the geography of our planet can be understood in turn. In Art, sessions we will be sketching still life portraits in increasing detail, building up our skills of shading, depth and tone. In our Design and Technology lessons, we will be building moving models animals using cams and cranks.

RE

This term we will be studying the beliefs of Hindus and Christians, looking in detail at key questions such as 'How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?'

Computing

We will be working with software allowing us to animate images this term. We will also be using secure websites to 'blog' about our research on given subjects. The children need to use Purple Mash and Manga High to complete their home learning too.



Trips / visits

We are looking forward to our visit to Easton and Otley College for Maths on the Farm on **Tuesday 2nd April 2019** (Group 1) and **Wednesday 3rd April 2019** (Group 2).

French

This term, your children will work with vocabulary relating to hobbies, pets, the home and school life. We will also continue to build our language into longer conversations.



Music

Music lessons have been well received so far this year, and 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 later in the year.

