

Curriculum letter

Year 5

After a brilliant Key Stage 2 performance the children deserved a well-earned break during Easter, however we are now in the summer term and are looking forward to an action packed schedule.

The topics that your children will be learning about are:

- *Yazoo (Ancient Greece)*
- *Rollercoaster Tycoon (Fairgrounds)*

Over the coming term we will be learning about:

Maths

This term the children will be focusing on applying the taught skills to problem solving. This will include all areas of the curriculum. The children will be looking at how to solve problems that include: percentages, fractions, time, money, weight, area, perimeter, and ratio. The children will also be studying shapes and constructing pie charts.

English

The children will be focusing their writing based around the topics. They will be studying Greek mythology and adapting them to create their own. They will also write play scripts and perform them to the class. They will be using the taught skills learnt this year in a variety of writing genres, including poetry, persuasive text, letters, reports and descriptive writing.

Children will continue to be given the year 5/6 words to practice at home.

Science

Animals, including humans

Children will be learning and comparing the differences between humans and animals. They will look at the life cycle of animals, including humans and learn about the different stages and changes that animals go through to become an adult.

Forces

Children will be exploring the different forces that act upon everyday objects and carry out practical experiments investigate air and water resistance.

History

This term the children will be studying about the Ancient Greeks. They will focus their learning on the life style of these fascinating people. They will look at art, theatre, clothes, beliefs, war, technology and famous buildings. They will be looking at primary sources and interpreting history.

Geography

The children will be conducting a local area ordinate survey map. They will learn about all the correct symbols and use a scale to make their map accurate.

Computing

Due to the KS2 performance, the children will be re-visiting the E-Safety module. Children will be learning about the dangers of being online. Children will also be using spreadsheets to design and calculate sums.

Art

In Art, the children will be creating their own Greek mask using gum paper and paint. They will also use printing techniques to make their own Ancient Greek patterns.

Design and Technology

In DT, the children will be designing and making their own working fairground ride.

Music

The children will learn about rap and making their own rap song that they will perform to the school. They will also compose pieces of music in their own groups to mute motion capture.

RE

They will understand the beliefs and teachings of different religions and explain how they shape the lives of individuals and communities. They will be able to explain practices of different faiths and compare them to others.

PE

Cricket – Children will be learning the basic skills needed to be successful when playing cricket.

Athletics- Children will be undertaking a new tack or field event each week and record their own Personal best.

Homework

Homework will be given on a Friday to be returned on Tuesday, which will include a piece of Maths and English, related to the week's learning. Spellings will also be given to the children on a Friday to be learned and tested on the following Thursday. There may be other homework set, on occasions, relating to one of our topics of study.



The homework will be marked in class with the children. This enables me to identify any misconceptions and give them a better understanding. If there is a problem completing homework, please communicate this in your child's homework book/worksheet. If a child fails to complete or hand homework in on 2 occasions, they will be missing 30 minutes of their lunch on a Friday afternoon. Also if your child finds the homework difficult, I run a homework clinic on Monday lunchtime.

It is of enormous importance that the children read every day, for at least 30 minutes. We suggest helping your child develop a good understanding of what they are reading, by discussing it. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like/dislike about characters in the story. We also ask that you sign their reading record books 3 times a week. This is an opportunity for you to comment on your child's reading and let us know how you feel they are getting on. Your children all have Bug Club accounts and should be reading 2 books per week with your support.

*PE is on Monday. Please ensure make sure that your child's PE kit stays on their peg for the half term to avoid missing out on this excellent opportunity for healthy exercise. There has been an increase in the amount of children not having the correct kit for school. If your child fails to have the correct PE kit, they will be given a letter home. If this happens on 2 occasions your child will miss 10 minutes of their break. The children will be having **Swimming** lessons on a Wednesday morning.*

I hope this will help you to understand all the activities and learning your child will be involved in this term. If you have any queries please make an appointment see me after school.

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