

Curriculum Information for Parents

Class: 5

Term: Spring 2020



Learning	
English	We will begin the half term focusing on the classic text 'The Jungle Book' by Rudyard Kipling. We will use this as a basis for our work on comprehension of classic texts, revision of punctuation for dialogue and writing our own short narratives involving convincing dialogue. We will also explore Kipling's 'Just So Stories' and revise simple, compound and complex sentences and using relative clauses. We will consider how points of view are presented in fiction and use this to write diaries and our own 'Just So Stories'. Our next focus in English will be exploring poetry with imagery and use figurative language to write our own poems based on India's landscape and animals. Towards the end of the half term, we will explore explanation texts and their conventions in order to write our own explanations of natural phenomena such as mountain and river formation and the monsoon season in India.
Mathematics	We will revisit key aspects of number and place value including reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers up to 1 million (Y5) and 10 million (Y6). We will ensure we are confident in rounding whole numbers and decimals and Y6 will build on our previous work on algebra including formulae. We will also develop our skills in working with negative numbers. We will continue to develop our accuracy in calculating with larger numbers, both mentally and using written methods for all four operations. This will include decimal calculations. We will use strategies including rounding and estimation to check our accuracy. We will draw shapes with precision and convert measures, extending to metric and imperial conversions. We will solve number and practical problems involving all of these areas of maths.
Our Topic this term is: Where in the world are we? Comparing the UK and India.	
Science	Our topics will be electricity and properties and changes of materials.
Topic and Creative	Our topic is Comparing India and the UK. We will design and make samosas and try batik printing.
RE	We will explore codes for living and what Christians believe about Jesus' death and resurrection.
P.E	This term we will be focusing on gymnastics and rugby.
PSHE	We will study different influences and healthy minds (including the media).
Computing	We will learn more about internet networks and conduct research. We will also conduct data handling linked to our India topic.
Music	We will study structure and beat.
French	Our topics will be 'School Life' and 'Time Travelling'.

You can help at home by:-

Encouraging your child to read regularly and practise spellings – try rainbow writing them.

Explore our India topic further through your own research at home.



Weekly Homework

Reading – Please aim to read at least 4x weekly and record this in your reading log.

Spellings – New spellings are issued every Tuesday to be returned and tested the following Tuesday.

Literacy and Maths or Topic – Homework is issued every Friday to be returned the following Friday.

PE: PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Fridays. Kits should be in school every day.

The above information gives you an idea of the various themes and areas your child will be covering in school this term.