

Useful Websites

Here are some useful websites that you could use with your child to find out more about our topics or and support them at home.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year5>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://trockstars.com/>

[Scratch - Imagine, Program, Share \(mit.edu\)](https://scratch.mit.edu)

Homework

All children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes a day. Please make sure their reading record have been signed at least three times a week.

Some children will have Times Tables Rock Stars as their homework each week. For everyone else, we expect them to take part in battles (when set) and keep their facts fluent.

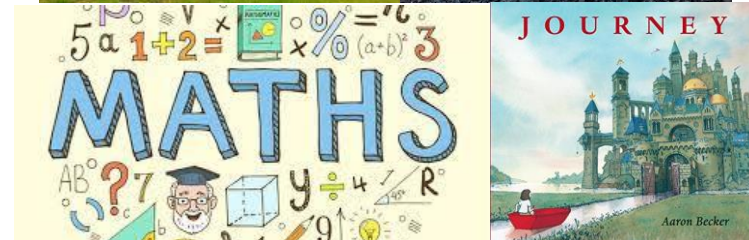
Each week your child will be given some pages to complete in their CGP maths book. We will notify you of the pages via Dojo. Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Thursday.

P.E.

PE will be on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school. They will have an indoor and an outdoor session each week. Although we have some spare kit in school, we are unable to lend the children trainers.

We are always pleased to see you to discuss your child. However, we do ask that unless you have some urgent information for the day, you try to see us after school, when we will have more time to talk to you or contact us via Dojo so we can arrange a convenient time to meet.

Year 5



Terms 1 and 2

September 2024

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Computing

In term 1 the children will be learning about systems and searching. They will learn about inputs, processes and outputs before finding out how search engines work. We will focus on how search engines carry out searches, During term two, we will be learning how to create vector drawings. Children will learn to recognise that images in vector drawings are created using shapes and lines.

PE

Until Christmas, our PE will be focused on dodgeball, dance, football and hockey. We will be learning some of the key skills needed to play a successful game of football and dodgeball before applying what we have learned in a range of games.

In dance we will be developing, performing, and refining our own dances based on 'Dance by Chance', Rock 'n' Roll and character dances.

In hockey, the children will be refining their defending and tackling skills before working collaboratively to beat their opponents.

RE

Initially the children will be exploring about the religion of Islam. They will be looking at the traditions, thoughts and key teachings of Islam and how they are related to key teachings about God.

After half term, the children will learn Hinduism and how key Hindu beliefs affect the way people live. Work will focus on the key ideas of dharma, Satsang and ahimsa.

Maths

Initially the children will focus on deepening their knowledge of numbers to 1,000,000, learning to read, write, compare and order them. They will then move on to using quick and accurate methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. A range of mental strategies will be developed alongside the more formal written methods that rely on this recall. Children will be introduced to prime, composite, square and cube numbers before applying their new knowledge to a range of problems.

Creative Curriculum

In Geography our focus is mountains. We will be learning how different mountains are formed, where they are in the world and imagining what it might be like to live in a mountainous region.

In history we will be asking the question, who were the Anglo Saxons? We will discover where the Scots, Angles, Saxons, and Jutes originated from and why and how they came to invade and settle in England, eventually creating four Kingdoms. We will use artefacts to learn about life in Anglo-Saxon England and find out about social diversity and religion during this time.

In DT the children are focusing on their sewing skills. They will learn about the importance of a seam allowance and practice their running stitch and back stitch before creating their very own cushion.

In Art the children are focusing on the ancient technique of batik. They will be exploring traditional motifs and then creating their own batik piece to use in DT.

In Music the children will be exploring rock music during the first half term. Our focus will be the song 'Living on a Prayer'. During the second half term we will sing and perform a range of Christmas songs for our Christmas Cantata.

In French our first unit focus on how to say the date in French. We will be learning numbers, days of the week and the months of the year before putting it all together. Will then move on to look at our favourite days of the week and how to explain when our birthday is.

English

We will begin the year studying the picture book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, delving into a world of adventure and magic as the story unfolds, before writing our own version of this wonderful tale. The adventure theme will continue with the first novel in the Brightstorm Series by Vashti Hardy. Set in a world similar, yet different to our own, the book will provide plenty of inspiration for our character descriptions and persuasive letters. Term Two centres around the weird and wonderful world of monkeys as our focus shifts to India, the setting for *Cloud tea Monkeys* and we enter the realm of non-fiction texts with *Mad about monkeys*.

In our reading sessions we will be using our reading VIPERS to practise our reading comprehension skills and dig deeper into each of the texts we study.

We will also continue to use The Read Write Inc Spelling programme to sharpen our spelling skills.

