



## Year 4/5 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Please find below a summary of Year 4 and 5's main learning areas for this term along with some general reminders.

### English

This term, we will be focussing our learning around the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. First, we will be exploring the settings and the characters that take centre stage in the book. We will then move to write persuasively and describe events through postcards. As the term progresses, we will learn how to create suspense in our writing and write from a variety of perspectives. Throughout the term, we will be focussing on how we use punctuation to create emotions and how to use a variety of sentence structures.

### Maths

In Miss Newbury's Maths class, we will begin the term by focussing on multiplication and division, specifically how to multiply and divide 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. We will then spend some time exploring the measurement of money and will explore the use and production of statistics.

In Maths with Mrs Burns, we have started this term looking at 11- and 12-times table facts, before moving on to multiples and factors. The children will now keep busy practising all of their timetables as we focus on recall and speed. In the next few weeks, we will be exploring multiplication written methods.

In Mrs Smith's Maths group, we started the term by learning about statistics. We learnt to read and interpret charts, line graphs and tables. We also drew our own line graphs with information about the class. We have moved onto learning multiplication and division. We have recapped multiplying numbers by 1 digit and have now moved onto using a formal written method to calculate 2 digit by 2 digit and 3 digit numbers. Towards the end of the half term we will move onto fractions.

### Homework

**Spellings** will be handed out on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday. We expect the children to learn their spellings as they will have spelling quizzes in the week. They will also be expected to use the spellings in their writing.

For **Maths** homework, the children will be using Maths-Whizz ([www.whizz.com](http://www.whizz.com)), an online Maths education website that is tailored to each individual child. Maths-Whizz will start each **Monday**, and **45 minutes** must be completed by each **Sunday** evening. If your child does not have access to the internet, there are several homework clubs after school where they can complete their Maths-Whizz homework (please refer to the after school club letter for dates and times). They also need to complete 15 minutes of TT rock stars (<https://ttrockstars.com/>) each week. In addition, children are required to practise multiplication tables and division facts to aid rapid recall. Every week there will be an informal check as part of the maths lesson.

In Year 4 and 5, children need to read for the equivalent of at least 15 minutes every school night (it might be that some nights they read more than other nights). They need to complete their reading record each time they read. We would very much appreciate you listening to your child read and discussing their book with them. The children (or parent) should write a comment in their book and we request that you sign your child's reading record book too. This will really help them to progress in reading and writing. We will be checking your

child's reading diary regularly throughout the week. The children will then quiz on AR (accelerated reader) where we can track their comprehension progress.

### **P.E.**

Year 4 and 5 will have PE sessions every **Friday** morning with Mr Franco (both indoors and outdoors). However, other sessions may arise throughout the week so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times, and are prepared for the unpredictable winter weather. PE kit is a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt, black shorts, black joggers and an outdoor jumper (when the weather requires it), outdoor trainers (these must be different shoes to the ones your child wears to school) and a water bottle.

### **Science**

To begin with, Year 4 and 5 are going to be learning about our new topic Earth and Space. The children will begin looking at what they already know about the universe and will pose questions about things they want to find out. They will look at why the Earth is spherical and not flat, before exploring the solar system and the distances between the planets. The children will be make their own model solar systems using fruit to identify how far away the sun really is in comparison to the Earth.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher. There will be fortnightly curriculum newsletters in which we shall keep you updated and informed about our learning, particularly with regards to English and Maths. We shall also provide any extra details you will need, such as changes to timetables, notifications, etc. There will be regular updates over the term on our class pages on the school website, plus information on our Dojo pages.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Smith, Miss Newbury and Mrs Burns.

## Year 4 and 5 Topic – Spring Term 2022



### Topic

Our topic this term is all based on the 'Battle of Britain'. The children have been extremely engaged and enjoying the topic so far!



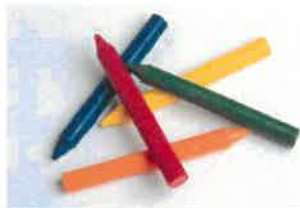
### Computing

This term the children will be using the laptops to learn basic skills on word processor. They will insert and format images, edit text, insert and format a table and create hyperlinks. The children will create a poster for the Big Bake in the Summer Term.



### History

The children will learn about evacuations, air raids, the Blitz and other important aspects of the war. They will complete their own research and write a fact file. The children will also hide in the Anderson shelter in the ICE Zone whenever the air raid siren sounds!



### Art

The children will focus on formal elements in their art lessons. They will focus on texture and pattern and learn how to make charcoal marks, stamp printing and reflection and symmetry.



### RE

This term, the children will begin by learning about Hinduism. The children will learn where it was founded, their main beliefs, special places and festivals and the Holy book and their symbols.



### PE

During this term, the children will learn lacrosse and health and fitness. They will also focus on values 'determination and passion' in their PE lessons.



### Design Technology

The children are learning how to design and make a stuffed toy. Their focus is on how to make a template, what stitches and appendages can be added and what stitches are best used to attach pieces of fabric. The children will take their time on each skill and will evaluate their product once complete.



### Geography

The children's geography this term will be linked to their the Blitz. The children will use Atlas' to find cities in the United Kingdom which were badly bombed in the Blitz. They will then plot these cities on a map.



### PSHE

The focus for this term is Health and Wellbeing. The children will learn about relaxation, celebrate mistakes, how to deal with their emotions and focus on mental health. We are also having a big focus on growth mindset and the power of vet.

