

Curriculum Update

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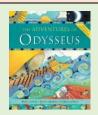
This half term, our maths learning will focus on place value, addition and subtraction. This will include: place value in whole numbers up to 1,000,000 (reading, writing, comparing, ordering and rounding), interpreting negative numbers in context and counting forwards and backwards through zero, Roman numerals to 1000 (M) and adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than four digits using mental and formal written methods.

SPaG



In SPaG this half term, we will be looking at spelling words with the letter string 'ough', words with silent letters, words ending in '-ible' and '-able', homophones as well as understanding etymology and strategies for learning words. We will also be revising grammar such as word classes, expanded noun phrases, prepositions and punctuating direct speech.

English



This half term, we will be looking at the book 'The Adventures of Odysseus' by Hugh Lupton and Daniel Morden. In this retelling of Homer's epic poem, The Odyssey, tells the story of Odysseus's return home to Ithaca from fighting in the Trojan wars. His journey is beset by danger, challenges and tragedy. Each of the stories in the book would stand alone as short stories, but they also work as a complete sequence, in which Odysseus tells the story of his travels and then finally returns home, to yet more challenges.

PSHE



Our topic this half term will be Families and Friendships. We will look at managing friendships and peer influence, as well as looking at what makes a healthy friendship and when and how to seek support in relation to friendships.

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Our RE unit this half term is Making Choices. We will discuss what it means to do to do the right thing and focus on the concept of temptation, situations that involve temptation and how this relates to Christians.

Science



In Science this half term, we will be focusing on properties and changes of materials. We will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, such as their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity and response to magnets.

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ART

Our Art focus this term will be Surrealism. We will look at the use of colour and how Surrealist artists explored dreams and random thoughts in their artwork.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will be looking at how we can use maps and the features we can use to help us understand the information presented about a specific place. We will locate and label the title, compass rose, key, lines of longitude and latitude and scale on a map of Europe.

SPANISH

This half term, our Spanish focus will be Fonetica (phonics). We will be looking at essential Spanish sound patterns in order to improve our Spanish pronunciation and to read Spanish with improved accuracy.

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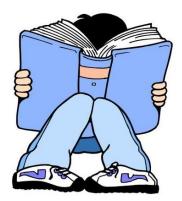
In Computing, our topic will be Systems and Searches. We will be looking at how information is transferred between systems and devices and found on the World Wide Web and we will consider small-scale systems as well as large-scale systems.

Please could children continue to wear their PE kits to school on their PE day, which will be

Tuesdays.

Suitable PE clothing would be as follows:

- Shoes suitable for PE e.g., trainers
- Leggings, joggers or shorts etc...
- Polo shirt or house PE t-shirt
- School jumper, cardigan or fleece

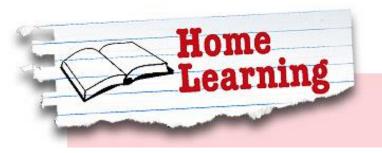


Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. In Year 5, the

children still need to read daily. It is still important to help with difficult words, expression and understanding of the text. If your child is a confident reader, then they may read without supervision but encourage them to talk about what they have read and share their thoughts and opinions on the text.

Home

learning will be sent home weekly on a Friday and is due back to school by the following Thursday. Children have been provided with Home Learning books which they can do their work in. Alternatively, Home Learning can be posted directly to your child's Class



Dojo portfolio. Please could children bring back their home learning books **every Friday**, so that they can stick in their home learning.

Please encourage your child to continue to learn and practise their timetables. This will



help us with our learning in maths. This half term our main focus will be the quick recall of the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables. Children need to learn the related division facts as well as recall the multiplication facts quickly. All the children have their own

login names and passwords for Sumdog and Times Tables Rockstars. This can be accessed at home as well as at school to help improve with their maths and reading skills.

Children can now access Language Angels at home. This is available as an app on the Apple App Store or as a desktop website. Children are able to play games and listen to songs which go along with the learning we are doing in class.



Important updates will be posted on Class Dojo often, so please check regularly. If you have any questions or issues, please message me on Class Dojo and I will get back to you as soon as possible.