Spring Term Year 5

How to help your child!

We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas break and is ready for an exciting half term.

This half term we want to really emphasise the importance of reading at home. Reading sessions with a parent is the key to a child’s success in reading, but also in many other areas of the curriculum. Shared reading and discussion of the text are very helpful. Please encourage your child to read with expression, and to express opinions about the characters in the story, the plot, and what might happen next.

A reminder to encourage your child to complete homework, especially spellings and times tables, offering support when needed. We really want our children to do well and learning your times tables is a crucial part of that. Timestable Rockstars has been introduced across the school to make this process easier and enjoyable. Please ensure your child accesses this regularly.

If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s teacher at the door at home time or make an appointment through the school office.

Thank you

The Year 5 Team

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| **Curriculum Area** | **Focus for learning** | **How you can help at home** |
| Pen Clip Art**English**  http://images.clipartpanda.com/english-clipart-SecondaryBooks.gif | We are reading “Greek Myths” as our class text. In English, we will be looking at the use of a variety of sentence structures and the children will have the chance to write their own Greek myth! | Encourage your child to read aloud to you at home. Ideally, the books need to be challenging and provide children with new ideas and experiences. It would be a good idea for your child to read other Tom Palmer books.    Continue to practise the weekly spellings at home with your child. |
| **Maths**  Image result for maths b&w | * Read, write, order and compare numbers up to 1,000,000. * Add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits. * Use the written methods for multiplication and division. * Comparing and ordering fractions. * Recognising mixed and improper fractions. * Add and subtract fractions. * Rounding whole numbers and decimals. | Practice Times Tables  Does your child know their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12?  Give children numbers up to 4 digits and ask them to add or subtract, mentally then written. |
| Microscope 20clipart | Clipart library - Free Clipart ImagesRelated imageImage result for BIOLOGY clip art b&wImage result for scienceclip art b&w**Science**Image result for scienceclip art b&w | Our topic for this term is Materials and their properties. We will be looking at the difference between solids, liquids and gases and will also investigate reversible and irreversible changes. | Questioning children on what they have learnt will enable your child to understand the scientific knowledge they have learnt in class. |
| **R.E.** | We will be looking at Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Year 5 will explore the sacred writings and scriptures of the various religions. | Discuss with your child what they learnt about the different sacred scriptures. |
| **Image result for fitness clip art b&wP.E.**  **Image result for fitness clip art b&w** | We will be looking at skills needed to play football and badminton. | Please check that your child comes in the correct PE kit.  Discuss with your child what skills they have learnt in PE. |
| **Topic**  Image result for scissors clipart b&w -zoneRelated imageImage result for hammer clipart b&w -zoneImage result for painting clipart b&w -zoneImage result for history  clipart b&w -zone | We will be introducing our topic of “Ancient Greece” here we will be looking at Greece and how the empire grew throughout the years. We will be looking at Greek pottery where children will have a chance to design their own. | Asking children what they know about Greece would help with this topic. |
| **History**  **/Geography**  Related imageImage result for painting clipart b&w -zoneImage result for scissors clipart b&w -zoneImage result for hammer clipart b&w -zoneImage result for history  clipart b&w -zone | We will be looking at Greece and comparing it to parts of the UK. Year 5 will use atlases and maps to locate places and describe features. We will be exploring both the physical and human geography. | Questioning children on what they have learnt.  Support children with their homework. |
| http://users.wpi.edu/~mmurphy/images/spanish.png**Spanish** | How to describe a city in Spanish and compare to another place. | Can you speak Spanish? If not, why not ask your child to teach you some of the vocabulary. |
| **PSHE**  Image result for pshe | In PSHE, we will also be looking at healthy relationships and how to be kind and respectful to one another. We will also be looking at online bullying and how to stay safe online. | Encourage being safe online and ask your child if they feel safe when using electronics. |