

Learning:

English: Balanced arguments (linked to Oceans), Journey (Myth) linked to Ancient Greece & wishing tales and information texts (both linked to holes).

Math: Properties of shape, Position and direction, decimals, converting units & volume.

Science: *Living things and their habitats and Animals Including Humans.*

Topic: History: 'The Ancient Greeks' Geography: 'Where does our energy come from?'

Creative: DT: Cooking Art: Collage



Indoor shoes:

All children still need a change of indoor plimsolls or other shoes to wear inside – lots of children are currently forgetting.



Walking home from school:

Towards the end of the first half term of Summer, Children in Year 5 will start to be allowed to walk home from school. If you would like your child to **walk home alone**, you **must sign** and return the Year 5 walking home letter.



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Homework:

Homework will continue to be an important part of your child's learning this term. Homework is set every Friday and is due in on Wednesdays - to be marked on the following Friday. This will continue to be set through the PurpleMash 2Dos.

There will be homework tasks, which relate to the topics and skills taught during the week. In addition to this, children will be given a set of Spellings (through Spelling Shed). It is essential that children learn their weekly spellings in any way that suits them.

The amount of homework that children are set will now start to increase so it is important that a routine is put in place. Your support with this is appreciated.

Homework help club will be on a Monday lunchtime - where support is needed.

P.E.

P.E. will continue to be on Monday's and Friday's.

Swimming will still take place every Monday morning and PE will be on Friday afternoons. Children must come to school on a Friday in their PE kits. Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for PE and no designer wear is worn.

****Please also note that for your child's safety, for all PE activities, no jewellery whatsoever must be worn, including earrings. Long hair must also be tied up. ****



Useful resources to get your children writing

- Topmarks provides children with a lot of games to practice different elements of the grammar and punctuation. <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>
- The Literacy Shed is a fantastic website with a range of different stimulus to encourage children to write. Let your child explore and write a range of different genres. <http://www.literacyshed.com/>
- I also would advise using films that your children enjoy watching. Get them to re-write the story from a different character's point of view, write a diary entry based on one of the events.

For less confident writers

- Write parts of sentences onto different cards then discuss the different word types e.g. verbs, adjectives etc.
- Rainbow sentences are great. Write each sentence in a different colour. This allows children to see where and when punctuation is needed

For more confident writers

- Improve simple sentences by adding a range of clauses in different positions: manipulate these to find the most cohesive way of writing.
- Write in a range of genres considering the vocabulary selected for formal and informal text types.

Activities you could use to support your child in maths:

- <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> is a great website with fantastic maths-based games to enable the children to develop their understanding.
- Use <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular> for a range of games which will engage the children in 4 calculations and place value

For less confident mathematicians

- Work on using pictures and practical resources to support children with 4 calculations (division, multiplication, addition and subtraction)
- Practice times tables up to 12 times table
- Use <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> for a range of activities to support place value and 4 calculations knowledge

For more confident mathematicians

- Solve a range of puzzles and problems. The nrich, NACE and NCETM websites provide a range of different activities.
- Encourage your child to create problems which involve working systematically. Get them to create problems for you to solve.
- encourage children to find mistakes in calculations and give advice on how the mistake could be corrected.
- <https://nrich.maths.org/> is a fantastic website to challenge the Greater depth with a wide range of problem solving and reasoning activities which will require the children to apply their mathematical understanding.

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Subscriptions:

Please make the most of the programmes we have purchased. The children have been given the passwords and login details. If you need these again, please ask. These subscriptions will really benefit your children in their learning within class.

- TT Rockstars
- Purple Mash
- Spelling Shed

Recommended Reading Books

As your child's confidence continues to grow with their reading, it is essential that they are given the opportunity to read a wide variety of book. Below of some of my favourites for Year five children.

- The Thief of Farrowfell by Ravena Guron
- The Iron Man by Ted Hughes
- Jummy at the River School by Sabine Adeyinka
- The Treasure Hunters by Lisa Thompson
- Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans
- Peter in Peril by Helen Bate

For children who find reading challenging at times, The Brilliant World of Tom Gates is a great book for getting them engaged as it is a mixture of reading and drawing.