



Year 5 Spring 1 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year! This half-term will cover a wide breadth of topics, from poetry to art to mapping skills. Many parents have, in the past, requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely optional.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Spelling: Words from the national curriculum statutory word bank.</p> <p>Spelling using EdShed</p> <p>Grammar: Revise words classes, fronted adverbials and figurative language. Understanding punctuation: commas for pauses, colons, semi-colons, ellipsis, parenthesis (brackets, dashes, commas).</p> <p>Writing: The children will be exploring the power of language and performance various through poetry. They will look at many surreal forms including concrete (shape) poetry, palindrome (mirror) poems and narrative poems. We will look at the poet Ogden Nash.</p> <p>Whole School Writing Project - Descriptive Narrative</p> <p>Reading: Analysing poems and short stories by Leonora Carrington using comprehension skills: asking questions, summarising, predicting, inference, making connections and understanding author's style and presentation.</p> <p>Handwriting: Continue to follow Nelson Handwriting scheme focussing on presentation and fluency.</p>	<p>Year 5 Spelling Word Bank: Page 23 from link below-The national curriculum in England - English Appendix 1: Spelling (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>SpellingShed Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - Spelling game for school and home</p> <p>Books: Please use the link below to explore recommended books Best Surreal Children's Books! (232 books) (goodreads.com) <i>Tetherdown recommends:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice in wonderland • The Milk of Dreams • The Arrival • Journey <p>Supporting your child in reading - many parents raised the issue of finding the right book to support your child. This website provides you with many ideas and book reviews. You may look through this with your child. Recommended Reading Lists For Schools, Book Extracts and Book Reviews LoveReading4Schools</p> <p>In addition to handwriting - touch typing. We would highly recommend Learn Touch Typing Free - TypingClub</p>
Maths	<p>Multiplication and Division (Formal methods of multiplication and division)</p> <p>Fractions (Multiplying fractions, finding fractions of amounts.)</p> <p>Decimals (Decimals up to 2 decimal places, equivalent fractions to decimals.)</p>	<p>White Rose Maths- videos These will match what we are covering in class and give your child a chance to consolidate their learning at home. Home Learning White Rose Maths</p> <p>Please consolidate times table knowledge using Times tables Rock stars Times Tables Rock Stars:</p>

	Each topic will give children the opportunity to improve their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.	Play (trockstars.com)
Science	Properties of Materials (Thermal conductors and insulators, dissolving, separating mixtures, reversible and irreversible changes)	
Computing	Programming This term we will also be analysing data and information, looking at how to organise, create and use databases. Online Safety – Online reputation.	Tetherdown School - E-Safety
Geography	Mapping skills What are lines of longitude and latitude?	
PE	Dance & Hockey	
Art	Textiles and Collage In this block, pupils will take inspiration from natural objects to create textile art. They will combine collage and appliqué techniques to create work that depicts textured surfaces. Pupils will use a variety of materials including items from nature.	We would like to ask for donations of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magazines - Fabric scraps (in neutral and earthy tones)
RE	Hinduism Theme: Hindu Beliefs Key Question: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?	
PSHE	Keeping Safe In this topic, we will be asking: How do you manage risky situations? This will include, responding to: bullying, staying safe online and the risks of vaping.	Zones of Regulation- This is a whole school approach to enable children to regulate their emotions and be ready for learning.
Music	Apollo Music Project - developing the children's understanding of Classical music with live orchestral music. Sing Up: Argentine tango - Época	
Mandarin	Years and Dates	
Trips	Later this half term, we will be going to the Science Museum as a precursor to next half term's Science topic: Space.	

Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns relating to your child during the term.

With best wishes,

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