

Year 5 – Term 3 Information and Key Learning

Welcome back to a brand new term, we hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas. We would like to thank you for your kind gifts and wish you a Happy New Year. We are really excited about the forthcoming term ahead of us. Below outlines our key learning for the term, please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Our learning this term

This term, in English, we will be using the focus text: 'The Explorer' by Katharine Rundell. From analysing and discussing this text, the children will then use it as a model to write their own adventure story thinking about composition and literary devices to engage the reader – such as relationships between different characters. Following this, we will be researching and debating who actually made it to the North Pole first and use this knowledge to write a biography. In Geography, we will be using our English text to help us compare and contrast Climate Zones along with learning about Hemispheres. We will identify and research the different climate zones around the world as well as the position and significance of Latitude, Longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere.

This term, our Maths focus will begin with working with fractions: finding equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering, converting from proper to improper and adding and subtracting.

In Science, our topic is 'Animals, Including Humans'. We will be describing the changes our bodies go through from a newborn baby to old age by creating a timeline to indicate stages in human growth and development. Alongside this, the children will be researching the gestation periods of animals and comparing them with humans by finding out, and recording, the length and mass of a baby as it grows.

The Big Question in RE is 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' Children will be able to explain connections between the story of Moses, and the concepts of freedom and salvation, using theological terms.

Music will be with Mr Miles where the children will be learning to play the African Djembes. Computing sessions this term will be building the children's knowledge of Coding. PE will offer the children the opportunity to further develop and transfer their skills acquired in invasion games through Basketball. In addition to this, we will be continuing our gymnastics from last term.

Key Information

- PE days – Monday (gymnastics) and Tuesday (Basketball). Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit and wearing trainers.
- Buster book club continues on a Wednesday evening – please encourage your children to read.
- The school library has an array of books on offer. We are asking children to pick a quiz book (Accelerated Reading) and they may choose a free choice book if they would like.
- Spelling Shed - each week a new spelling rule will be introduced in class with activities available to follow up at home.
- Times tables – please continue to practise times tables weekly. Children could use: Hit the Button, White Rose Maths app, Purplemash, TTRS or be creative and design some times tables games.
- Parent consultations: Wednesday 1st February (evening), Thursday 2nd February (daytime).

The Explorer



English Key Learning Facts

Key aim: To read and spell Year 5 words

It is really important to try and keep practising your spellings. Each week, the children will be introduced to a new spelling rule and ten new spellings to focus on. We will send these spellings home every Monday for you to practise. We recommend 15 minutes per day.

Follow the link to find Spelling Shed (<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>) to start practising!

Remember, there are other ways to practise your spellings too. Here are a few ideas:

Suggested Activities

Use the word - Making meaning helps us all to remember; if writing a sentence down is hard, talk the sentence out loud.

Spot the deliberate mistake - If you write out the words (and make a deliberate mistake) can your child find it (don't forget to tell them, you have made a mistake)?

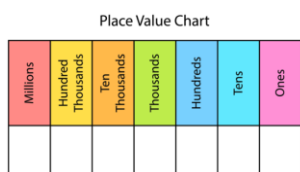
Mix it up - The key to spelling is practice, but don't feel like you have to use the same method all of the time. Try something different every day.

Mathematics Key Learning Facts

Key aim: To use the formal written method to divide and multiply.

We have been learning about factors, multiples, prime numbers, square numbers, cube numbers and how to multiply and divide by 10,100 and 1000. Please continue to practise these skills and vocabulary at home using the below examples to help you.

Multiply by 10/100/1000



Encourage children to use a place value chart.

If we are multiplying a number by 10, the numbers move one place to the left to make it ten times bigger.

X 100 two places to the left

X1000 three places to the left

Square Numbers

$$4^2 = 4 \times 4 = 16$$

A square number is a number that is multiplied by itself.

1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36... are the first six square numbers

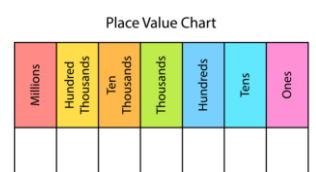
Cube Numbers

$$2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$$

A cube number is a number multiplied by itself three times.

1, 8, 27, 64, 125... are the first five cube numbers

Divide by 10/100/1000



Encourage children to use a place value chart.

If we are dividing a number by 10, the numbers move one place to the right to make it ten times smaller.

X 100 two places to the right

X1000 three places to the right

Prime Numbers

A prime number only has two factors. 1 and itself. For example 5 can only be made by 1 x 5. 13 can only be made by 1 x 13. The first six prime numbers are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13.

2 is the only even prime number

Factors

A factor is a number that you multiply by another number to get a product. EG. The factors of 12 are 1, 12, 2, 6, 3 and 4.

Multiples

A multiple is the result of multiplying two digits /numbers together. EG. Some multiples of 6 are: 12, 18, 24, 60, 600 (any numbers that are divisible by 6)

Thank you for your continued support.