

Literacy

Next half term, as part of our topic 'Politics, Democracy and Government', we will be studying the following books:

- The Journey by Francesca Sanna
- Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird
- The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin

How can you help your child at home?

Reading is the single most important thing you can do at home to support your child. Read together for at least 15 minutes a day and talk about the story. Here some questioning ideas linked to the different question types that we teach in school (reading vipers):

Vocabulary: Give/explain the meaning of a words in context.

Infer: Explain and justify using evidence from the text/ read between the lines/ what is the author trying to tell us?

Predict: Predict what might happen from the details implied or stated.

Explain: Identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to the meaning as a whole. Identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.
Make comparisons within the text

Retrieve: Retrieve and record key information/key details from fiction and non-fiction

Summarise: Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.

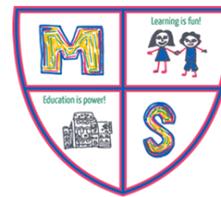
If unsure of what books you child could also be reading from home then below is a link to 'Goodreads' where there are many more suggestions:

<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/children>

If you do not have access to the internet then head to you local 'Idea Store' where a member of staff will be able to offer some suitable recommendations.

<https://www.ideastore.co.uk/>

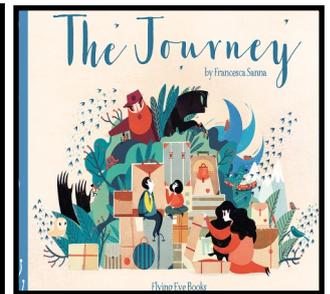
Although the children can choose books from the book corner in their classroom, I would also recommend taking your child to our school library which is open everyday until 4:30pm.



Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 5 Spring Term

*This term our topic is
Champions for Change*



Important information...

PE:

Wednesday - Indoor for 5M and 5H and outdoor for 5P.

Thursday - outdoor for 5P

5M and half of 5H are swimming on a Thursday until the February half term. 5P and the other half of 5H will be swimming after half term (you will receive a letter to remind you nearer the time).

Homework:

- * You must read at home for 15 minutes each night, your reading records will be checked each day
- * Children will be given homework on Friday and this will be collected in on Wednesday. All homework will consolidate work in class . Please ensure that your child is completing their homework every week.

Trips or visitors:

In March, as part of our science topic 'Earth, Moon and Space', we will be heading to the Planetarium in Greenwich for a day of workshops and discovery about space.

The Year 5 Team:

Class Teachers - Miss Anne, Miss Katherine, Mr Palmer

Year 5 Support - Miss Shamira, Mr Nick, Miss Monwara and Miss Aleks

P.P.A. cover - Yr5 will be taught by Ms Dilwara, Miss Shamira and Miss Long.

Topic—Politics, Democracy and Government

The Big Picture

One day, you should have the right to vote, represent and inspire change.

We will learn how democracy shapes our society and how we can stand up for our rights and protect those around us.

Children will experience first hand how a democratic election is run and how their vote can make a difference.

We will be finding out:

- About the history and origins of governmental systems.
- About Democracy in Britain and British values.
- About the system of government in our own country and others.
- How to canvas opinions.
- What makes a good leader.
- How to work together during a campaign.
- How to write a successful, persuasive political speech.

Mathematics

This term, we will be exploring multiplication and division, fractions, percentages and decimals. Each week the children will take part in an Nrich challenge to help enhance their problem solving and reasoning skills. We recommend this website as a fun way to do maths together at home. It is accessible to all ages.

Multiplication practise: All children have been given login detail for Times Table Rockstars: <https://trockstars.com/login>

How you can help your child at home:

- *Each week your child will be given a piece of Maths homework which you could talk through together. Focus on your child's use of mathematical vocabulary when explaining.*
- *Five Minute Frenzy practise sheets are available online:*

http://www.math-drills.com/multiplication/multiplication_five_minute_frenzy_right1_0212_001.html

Useful Maths websites:

There are many Internet sites for numeracy – here are a few to get you started:

<http://www.channel4.com/learning/microsites/P/puzzlemaths/>

<http://www.primarygames.co.uk/>

<http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>

https://www.transum.org/Software/SW/Starter_of_the_day/

Science

Spring One:

Forces

The children will be taught to:

- explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object
- identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces
- recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Spring Two:

Earth, Moon and Space

The children will be taught to:

- describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system
- describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth
- describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies
- use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.
- we will also use this topic to extend our mathematical thinking.

ICT

We are architects

In this unit, the pupils will research examples of government buildings and the architecture, before using SketchUp to create their own people's parliamentary building.

We will be using google classroom as part of our politics topic to design campaign materials for our year group election.