

KS2 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 5

Spring 1 Half Term: January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and wish you all a happy New Year.

Whilst school is currently not open to all children, we really look forward to seeing the children's learning online, via Google Classroom.

The table below provides a brief overview of the learning opportunities that the children will have across all subjects this half term. A full curriculum will continue to be provided online, while schools are not open to all children.

| Subjects | Focus of Learning |
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| English | <p>Whilst we are at home we will be focussing on our learning of spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will be looking at prefixes and suffixes, subordinate and relative clauses as well as recapping our learning on conjunctions and tense agreements. We will be using some really valuable resources such as the literacy shed to inspire our writing and will also use images to inspire us to do so. As well as this, we will also be looking at the inspirational book 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse', by Charlie Mackesy. Our activities will include discussing the text, analysing its language.</p> <p>Our spelling focus will look at words from the year 5 & 6 statutory spelling words as well as learning some topic words and looking at words ending in -ably and -ibly. We will also be recapping spelling of words with apostrophes for possession.</p> |
| Reading | <p>Whilst we are at home, our reading will focus on identifying and discussing themes and conventions. We will also be continuing to work on our justification skills and using evidence to support our reasoning.</p> |
| Maths | <p>This half term in maths we will be looking at number and place value which includes the place value of 6-digit numbers. As part of this, we will also be using place value to add and subtract 6 digit numbers, order them and multiply and divide by 10,100 and 1000. We will continue to look at mental strategies to add and subtract and use counting up to solve subtraction problems. For multiplication and division, we will be exploring and identifying prime numbers, square roots and square numbers.</p> <p>Shape will also feature as part of our learning this term which includes looking at the properties of different types of triangles including scalene and right angles triangles. We will also be looking at reading scales, converting from grams to kilograms, millilitres to litres and exploring lines of conversion graphs. We will also revisit looking at angles and naming parts of a circle.</p> <p>Times tables will continue to be a very important part of your child's learning as well as weekly arithmetic</p> |
| Science | <p>Our science topic this term is 'life cycles'. In this module children build on earlier work from Key Stage 1 and from Year 3, where children learnt about the life cycles of plants. They will extend their understanding of what a life cycle is, and learn about the life cycles of some familiar mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. Children will compare and contrast different life cycles, identifying common features as well as explaining key differences.</p> |
| R.E. | <p>This term in R.E. we will be exploring Hinduism looking at the question, 'what is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?' We will be looking at the way in which Hindus worship and how their way of life shows their commitment to God.</p> |
| Computing | <p>Our computing topic this term is learning all about spreadsheets. We will be using our brilliant new resource, 'Purple Mash', to learn all about spreadsheet. We will look at what a</p> |

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| | spreadsheet is and what its uses are. We will be using this to model real life problems, including using spreadsheets to plan an event. We will ensure that children can access Purple Mash from home, as soon as possible. |
| History | In history we will be exploring the question, 'why should we remember the Maya?' We will be exploring the mysterious ancient civilisation learning about the different Mayan Gods, looking at what we can learn from their cities and pyramids, thinking about how advanced the Maya were and looking at different theories about what actually happened to them Maya. |
| PHSCE | The theme of our PHSCE learning is all about our 'dreams and goals'. We will be thinking about our future and what we would like our lives to be like when we grow up. This involves us thinking about what motivates us and what we need to in order to achieve our goals. |
| Art | Linking to our learning in science we will be looking at scientific illustrations and using the work of Maria Sibylla Merian as our inspiration. This includes looking at 'metamorphosis' and using sketches to explore how a living organism changes over time. |
| Music | Our learning in music this term will be focussed on 'make you feel my love by Bob Dylan which has also been sung by Adele. |
| PE | Even at home it is really essential that children stay active. Please look on Google Classrooms which includes lots of PE activities which provide children with essential activity as well as things suitable for a brain or wiggle break. There are loads of activities to choose from including Just dance, wake up with Joe and some activities sent from All for Sport. |

Other useful things to remember:

- Please continue to encourage your child to **read regularly**. It is really helpful if you can take some time to read with your child and ask questions about what they have read. This will help to support their developing comprehension skills. It is also beneficial to read aloud to your children. When your child finishes reading a book, they might like to log on to **Accelerated Reader** to take a quiz. Use this link (<https://ukhosted9.renlearn.co.uk/2239980/>) and their login details.
- **PE with Joe Wicks** can be found on YouTube and other fun websites include Cosmic Kids and Go Noodle.
- You should have login details for the following: **RM easimaths; TT Rockstars; Oddizzi Geography Resource**.
- Please visit your child's **Class Page**, on our School Website, for further resources and **useful web links**.
- **Playing board games, doing puzzles or drawing/colouring** are lovely, calm activities to do with your child.
- The current crisis is one of uncertainty and difficulty for so many people. Here are a couple of really good websites I would like to share with you; both are an excellent source of support. They might be of help and answer some of the questions your children might be asking at this time.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus/>

You may also like to visit our Well-being page on our school website: [St Mary's Church of England Primary School | Well-being \(stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk\)](http://stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk)

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop us a note via our School Office email.

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