



KS2 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 5

Spring 2nd Half Term: February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope that you had a lovely half term break. We are looking forward to the warmer weather, appearance of Spring flowers and lighter days ahead ☺

We were so impressed by all of the lovely learning the children did last half term; we are very proud of them. Thank you for your continued support.

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
English	<p>Whilst we are at home we will be focussing on our learning of spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will be looking at recapping some key grammar such as tenses, statements, questions and commands, verb forms and verb phrases. We will hopefully move on to learning and applying the use of colons and semi-colons to vary our punctuation.</p> <p>We will be exploring some reading comprehension too this term and setting the scene for our topic learning next term. We will be exploring the myth of 'Pandora's box'. Our writing this term will link to our learning on our Geography topic. We will be exploring non-fiction texts and using our learning from Geography to write our very own 'Mediterranean holiday brochure'.</p> <p>Our spelling focus will look at words from the year 5 & 6 statutory spelling words as well as learning words 'ei' after c and 'ie' words.</p>
Reading	<p>We will be looking at more comprehension style questions this term and thinking about putting the skimming and scanning which we learnt last term into practise. As, we will be writing a non-fiction text, children will also be looking at identifying their purpose and structure to evaluate how effective these are. We will also be using our knowledge of this text type to find key information.</p>
Maths	<p>This term in maths we will be focussing on many of the vital arithmetic skills in some more depth. We will begin with looking at multiplication and division and exploring written methods such as column and looking at short division. Children will also be revisiting finding unit and non-unit fractions, improper fractions to mixed numbers and multiplying fractions by whole numbers.</p> <p>Shape will also feature as part of our learning this term which includes looking at polygons, recognising and identifying the properties of quadrilaterals. We will hopefully also be using squared and isometric paper to draw polygons and explore their properties. We will also revise metric units of measure and look at capacity and length.</p> <p>Times tables will continue to be a very important part of your child's learning as well as weekly arithmetic test.</p>
Science	<p>The unit for this half-term is entitled 'Marvellous Mixtures'. In this module children further develop their conceptual knowledge and understanding of how different mixtures of solids and liquids might be separated. They learn that certain solids dissolve while others do not, and how these dissolved solids might be retrieved from a mixture. They explore how the rate at which solids dissolve can vary, investigating variables that might make a difference. This module builds on earlier learning that was begun in Key Stage 1 and then continued in Year 4.</p>
R.E.	<p>Our R.E. learning this term is about 'Salvation' and looking at the question, 'What did Jesus do to save human beings? We will be exploring questions in this unit such as, 'Who was responsible for</p>



	Jesus' death? And Why did Jesus die?
Computing	This term we will continue to use the fantastic platform Purple Mash provides us to create games. We will be creating a game and thinking about the scene, the game environment and quest. We will be evaluating our work at each point. We may even be able to finish, share and evaluate our games. I know year 5 will absolutely love this unit of work!
Geography	Our topic will begin with completing our learning on The Ancient Maya. We will then move on to looking at our Geography topic entitled 'European region'. We will be locating Europe on a world map and identifying its countries. Much of our work will be based on using our own research skills including 'exploring European cuisine. We will be linking our topic work with our English writing this term and be writing a 'Mediterranean holiday brochure', where we will explore the Mediterranean and everything it offers.
PHSCE	For PSHCE we will be exploring the topic of 'Healthy Me'. Children will be learning about the health risks of smoking and the misuse of alcohol. They will also be learning how to keep calm in an emergency situation and thinking about a 'healthy body image'.
DT	Linking to our Science topic earlier this term, for DT we will be thinking about making food for a healthy heart. Children will be looking at what a healthy balanced diet looks like. They will also be planning and designing a healthy meal and evaluating this.
Music	Our learning in music this term will be focussed on 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air'.
P.E.	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. As well as being active, it is also really important that children take regular breaks. Mindfulness/meditation videos are also available on Google Classrooms for children to use or visit if they feel they need some time to relax or unwind.

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 continues to be one of uncertainty and difficulty for so many people. Please visit our Wellbeing page on our School Website for useful links and resources related to children's mental health and wellbeing. [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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