

Ways to help your child...

Our homework is handed out each week on a Friday. It is usually a Maths and English piece of work that is based on the learning that has happened that week. It needs to be in on the following Wednesday. There will also be a choice of learning activities which cross the subjects and one needs to be completed each week. It is also essential to continue to practise times tables and read at least four times a week.

Science

Our science focus for the first half term will be Earth and Space focusing on the Solar System. Next half term we will explore the wonders of the circulatory system.

Geography and History

As part of our topic, we will be exploring the features of a desert environment, looking at how people manage to survive in a desert and the effect of drought. Next half term in History we will explore stories from Victorian times to after the First World War using census records.

Arts

In Art we will be learning about portraits and using it to explore identity. In DT next half term we will look at textiles. The children will design and make a fabric container for a specific audience and purpose.

RE/PSHE

In RE, we will be exploring the religion of Christianity and looking at how Christians understand the concept of Trinity and next half term explore the concept of holiness for Jewish people. In PSHE this half term we will be taking part in the Bitewise Healthy behaviour project. Next half term we will be looking at Healthy and safer lifestyles including sex education.

Spring Term: Otter and Fox Classes

Maths

This term the children will be studying fractions, decimals and percentages and the relationship between them. As well as this they will use all these topic areas to solve problems and develop their reasoning skills. The basic skills will be revisited every day to ensure that they are remembered too. We will also focus on skills needed for the SATs with Year 6.

Music and PE

We will continue to practice songs for the O2 in Year 6 as well as composition and the children will continue to learn Brass in Year 5. In PE Year 5 will be going Swimming while Year 6 will be learning gymnastics and Dance. Both year groups will take part in Forest Schools for a session and learn golf.

English

In English, we will be focusing on exploring a Science Fiction Story Cosmic and the story Arrival as well as the Rudyard Kipling poem, 'If'. As well as this the children will be writing an explanation text about Circulation and instructions linked to the topic of traders. We also focus on grammar each Tuesday.