

Dear Parents,

During this half term your child will be covering a range of the necessary basic skills in reading, writing and maths. We will be linking these with many various curriculum areas.

In English, we will be covering the reading skills using a variety of texts to stimulate interest. The children will be learning how to tackle a comprehension activity through a very step-by-step structured approach supported by myself and Tracey (teaching assistant).

In writing, they need to be punctuating accurately and their free writing tasks will be levelled and targets will be set for them to improve their performance. Proof reading and editing is very much the flavour of this half-term. We will also be encouraging the children to give their opinions – therefore being able to vocalise their thoughts and express feelings and give reasons for their conclusions. This, in turn, will strengthen their writing.

As well as this, they will be focusing on the SPaG curriculum and covering a great deal of 'word work' again using high level reading material.

In maths, we will be working through the number and place value curriculum and completing regular arithmetic assessments in which pupils can 'beat their own record' and report back how they are doing. We will also be covering 'Shape and Space' and the geometry aspects of the reasoning curriculum.

Maths homework – Tuesday (due in Wednesday)
English homework – Friday (due in Monday)
Spellings – Tuesday (test following week on Monday)



Please encourage children to access Times Table Rockstars and to read for pleasure at home – this will really help to promote progress. The children will have always covered the work in class and will be reinforcing concepts.

Also this half-term we will be looking at:

Geography:	linked to maths – compass rose, grid references etc.
Science:	Living Things and Their Habitats.
PE:	Gymnastics (large apparatus), netball and simple dance phrases
PSHE:	Overcoming Obstacles, First Impressions
History:	Anglo-Saxons (with Mrs McKenzie)
RE:	The Bible

The Year 5/6 classes work together more as the year progresses and are a 'team' within the school. We are hoping that the Year 5/6 will rise up to be very responsible and mature members of our school community, who the other children can look up to as good role models. Behaviour is very important and working hand-in-hand with the teachers and teaching assistant is how we approach each day. As the term progresses, children will have opportunities to work alongside other children and teaching staff from Year 5/6 classes.

Please do not hesitate to ring school if you need to speak to me or you could send an email. Google Classroom will be set up and you can always see what the children have to do for homework on this.

Have a lovely half-term parents and any issues, please let me know.

Many thanks.

Craig Ellis