

Maidenhall Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Letter

January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday and we wish you and your family a happy new year.

Our year 5 teaching team is as follows:

Owls	Mrs Tiana (Year Team Leader)
Foxes	Mrs West
Otters	Mr Prime

If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment at the office or for a brief question, speak to them at the end of the day.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their winter uniforms and we are expecting them all to maintain the very high standards that they have started with.

I would like to remind you of the school policy during the winter months: grey trousers/skirt, white shirt / T Shirt, red school jumper or cardigan and black, sensible shoes. In addition to this, children will need: a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts and plimsolls for indoor, and a plain tracksuit and trainers for outdoor P.E. sessions.

Earrings and watches, as always, **must** be removed for P.E. lessons on grounds of Health and Safety. Long hair, for the same reason, must be tied back.

The weather is much cooler now so we encourage all the children to have a suitable warm/waterproof coat for break and lunch times.

Please ensure that all uniform is **clearly labelled** with your child's name and class.

Supporting Your Child At Home

In year 5 there are a number of ways in which you can help support your child's learning at home.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home every day. It is really important that they understand what they are reading.

Spelling

Attached is a list of year 5/6 key spellings. Please help your child to read these and discuss the meanings of the words. You can also support your child with learning these words.

Maths

We also ask that you help your child to learn their times tables. There are some fantastic apps available and lots of games on the internet to support the learning of times tables. We recommend the children use Times Table Rock stars; they have logins for this.

Homework

Children will be researching aspects of the Tower of London to support them with our visit later this term. We expect them to return their homework each Wednesday. If your child finds it hard to complete their homework, please let their teacher know and we will look at ways to support your child.

PE

PE lessons for the whole of Year 5 will be on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure children have their full PE kit (including outdoor wear) each week.

Key Dates

Trip to the Tower of London Tuesday 5th February. We will return to school at 4:30.

We will be sending out more information about this in a separate letter.

We look forward to working with you this year and thank you again for your support in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tiana

Year 5 Year Team Leader

English

In English we will be developing our story writing with a focus on creating suspense. Following our visit to the Tower of London, we will create a non-chronological report about the visit. We will be focusing on using a wider range of punctuation in all our written work.

The children will develop their skills of inference and deduction using extracts from *Oliver Twist*.

How to help your child at home:

- Encourage your child to read regularly at home.

Maths

We will focus on developing formal written methods for multiplication and division.

We will develop our understanding of fractions and look at adding and subtracting fractions. We will learn more about factors, multiples, prime, square and cube numbers.

How to help your child at home:

- Encourage your child to use TT rockstars.
- Help your child to learn their 6x 7x 8x 12x tables

OLIVER TWIST

CHARLES DICKENS



RE

In R.E the children will be taught the unit 'How do people live through the good times and bad'. We will explore how faith plays a part in enabling resilience.

History

The children will learn about Crime and Punishment through the ages starting with the Romans. They will learn about judicial systems and how they have developed up to modern times.

PSHE/Circle Time

Children will explore their feelings associated with our monthly school value through circle time and appropriate games.

MFL

In French, children will be learning about hobbies through role play and how to describe their favourite activities. They will develop an understanding of key phrases and terminology.

DT

In our lessons, the children will be learning about bread making. They will explore different types of bread products from around the world. They will make their own bread design their own packaging.

Music

Children will be learning about styles of music. They will develop an understanding of rhythmic notation.

New Curriculum Spelling List Years 5 and 6

accommodate
 accompany
 according
 achieve
 aggressive
 amateur
 ancient
 apparent
 appreciate
 attached
 available
 average
 awkward
 bargain
 bruise
 category
 cemetery
 committee
 communicate
 community
 competition

conscience
 conscious
 controversy
 convenience
 correspond
 criticise
 curiosity
 definite
 desperate
 determined
 develop
 dictionary
 disastrous
 embarrass
 environment
 equip
 equipped
 equipment
 especially
 exaggerate
 excellent

existence
 explanation
 familiar
 foreign
 forty
 frequently
 government
 guarantee
 harass
 hindrance
 identity
 immediate
 immediately
 individual
 interfere
 interrupt
 language
 leisure
 lightning
 marvellous
 mischievous

muscle
 necessary
 neighbour
 nuisance
 occupy
 occur
 opportunity
 parliament
 persuade
 physical
 prejudice
 privilege
 profession
 programme
 pronunciation
 queue
 recognise
 recommend
 relevant
 restaurant
 rhyme

rhythm
 sacrifice
 secretary
 shoulder
 signature
 sincere
 sincerely
 soldier
 stomach
 sufficient
 suggest
 symbol
 system
 temperature
 thorough
 twelfth
 variety
 vegetable
 vehicle
 yacht



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