

Maidenhall Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Letter

April 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable half-term holiday. We have lots of exciting events planned over the next few weeks including Dell Farm Activity Days which are being held on our school field next week and sports week at the end of June.

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. We will be organising mornings later this term for you to come and see your child's learning and for you to speak to their teacher.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their 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 spring months: grey trousers/ shorts, skirt/ summer dress, 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 warmer now but we still encourage all the children to have a suitable 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 and ask them questions about what they are reading. **It is really important that they understand what they are reading.**

Spelling

We will be encouraging the children to learn the year 5/6 spellings and they will be given specific words to practise at home.

Maths

We also ask that you help your child to learn their times tables. All the children should be using Times Table Rock stars; they have logins for this. They should know all the tables up to 12x.

Homework

Children will be set work on a Friday to be returned to school on a 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. The children will have a project to complete about the British coastline.

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

Sports Day will be on the morning of Wednesday 26th June.

Y5 Dell Farm Activity Days at Maidenhall

10th June Owl Class

11th June Fox Class

12th June Otter Class

Dell Farm Activity Days

We are very lucky to be welcoming Andy Peck from Dell Farm to deliver some activities on our school field. These will be based on our book 'Holes' and there will also be links to our 'Beach' theme.

The children will need to wear clothes suitable for activities on the field e.g. jogging bottoms and a t-shirt. They will need to bring a water bottle and a sun hat.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tiana

Year 5 Year Team Leader

English

In English we will finish reading 'Holes' and complete comprehension tasks focusing on inference. We will then be looking at blogs and poetry based on the theme 'The Beach'. We will focus on sentence structure and develop vocabulary to ensure the children are writing at a higher level.

How to help your child at home:

- Encourage your child to read regularly at home.
- Encourage your child to practise the year five/six spellings.

Maths

We will be focusing on arithmetic skills this half term and we will continue to develop formal written methods for multiplication and division. We will give the children strategies for solving more complex word problems, particularly those focused on using their knowledge of fractions. We will learn how to read and interpret information on graphs and tables.

How to help your child at home:

- Help your child to learn all of their times tables and related division facts.
- Practise converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa.

Science

We will continue to learn about different forces and carry out investigations where we will be taking measurements and using a range of scientific equipment. Later in the term our topics grow up and growing old.

How to help your child at home:

- Talk about family members at different stages of their lives e.g. a baby and a grandparent.

Computing

This term the children will explore using 2D design and Make on Purple Mash to create and edit 3D models. They will edit and refine their original designs.

Geography

This half term we will be studying the geography of Northern Ireland. We will be looking at key physical features including Giant's Causeway. We will be learning about features of mountains and how they are represented on maps.

DT

In our lessons, the children will be learning how to design an emblem. They will practise a range of stitches and then create their own emblem using the skills acquired. They will evaluate their finished product and look for improvements.

Music

Children will be continuing to play the ukulele and they will be developing their understanding of rhythm and notation.

PSHE/Circle Time

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



RE

In R.E. the children will be taught the unit 'How do Christians decide how to live?'. We will look at the suggested meanings of the Gospels and how they relate to how people choose to live their lives.

PE

In P.E. children will develop their fielding and batting skills by playing rounders and cricket. They will improve their athletic skills and take part in track and field events including javelin and discus.

MFL

This term for French, the children will be learning key vocabulary for describing 'The Beach'. They will learn how to order food in French using the opener 'Je voudrais.....'.

