

Maidenhall Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Letter

April 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable spring holiday. Our fundraising Mini Mudder event was a great success and we raised £285. Thank you for your support.

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 sent home a list of spellings in January. You can continue to 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.

All the children should be using Times Table Rock stars; they have logins for this.

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.

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

Y5 Dell Farm Activity Day at Maidenhall

10th June Owl Class

11th June Fox Class

12th June Otter Class

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

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 your child will be reading 'Holes'. We will explore a range of writing purposes including discussions and persuasive writing. The children will develop their reading comprehension and we will focus on the skills of inference and deduction.

We will be focusing on using a wider range of descriptive language in our written work.

How to help your child at home:

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

Maths

We will focus on shape and measures this half term. We will start by looking at reflection and how to translate shapes. We will move on to measuring and finding missing angles. Then we will be solving word problems so the children can apply their learning.

How to help your child at home:

- Help your child to learn all of their times tables and related division facts.
- Practise solving word problems.

Science

Your child will learn about the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. They will recognise how mechanisms can give smaller forces a greater effect. They will use test results to make predictions.

How to help your child at home:

- Talk about the effects of forces on everyday objects e.g. a Hoover

RE

In RE the children will be taught the unit 'How is faith expressed in Islam?' We will explore the meaning of faith and give evidence and examples to show how Muslims put their beliefs into practice in different ways.

Computing

Pupils will be using Microsoft Excel and use it to generate data for spread sheets. They will practise entering commands and also have opportunities to apply their skills to everyday situations.

Geography

This half term we will be studying the geography of North America. We will look at key geographical features and landmarks. We will complete some map work and focus on how to use the eight compass directions and give accurate grid references.

Art

In our lessons, the children will be learning about the artist Wassily Kandinsky. They will explore some of his artwork and learn about abstract art. They will then create their own abstract artwork using watercolours and pastels.

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holes

PSHE/Circle Time

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

Music

Children will be learning how to create, select and combine sounds. They will use their voices expressively.

PE

In P.E. children will develop their batting and fielding skills by participating in cricket and rounders activities. They will build on their tennis skills from Year 4 and also have the opportunity to practise tactics by playing Volleyball.

MFL

This term for French, the children are learning about the geography of France and they will learn how to express an opinion about significant landmarks.