

Maidenhall Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Letter

March 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable half-term holiday. Our visit to London was a great success and the children were able to write a non-chronological report about what we saw at the tower. 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 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/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 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

Year 5 Fundraiser Wednesday 20th March

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

Fantastic Finish Assembly Wednesday 3rd April 2:20pm

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 Roald Dahl's 'Matilda'. We will complete a series of written activities based on the book including writing character descriptions. The children will develop their reading comprehension through inference and deduction activities.

How to help your child at home:

- Encourage your child to read regularly at home.
- Visit your local library with your child.
- Practise key spellings.

Computing

This term the children will be looking at Online Safety in order to gain a greater understanding of the impact that sharing digital content can have.

Geography

This half term we will be studying Earthquakes. We will begin by looking at what causes an earthquake and where they occur. We will move on to looking in detail at some of the most devastating recent earthquakes and how to stay safe during an earthquake.

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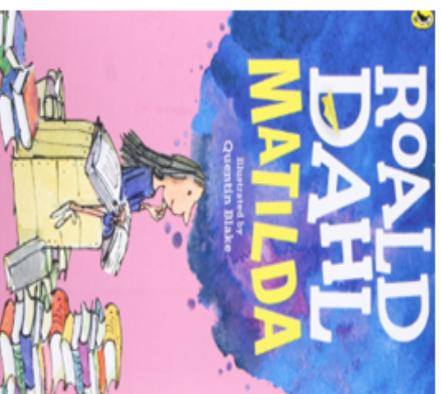
In our lessons, the children will be developing their design skills by designing a book stand. They will make it out of wood and will use a variety of joining techniques to create their finished product.

Maths

We will continue to focus on developing formal written methods for multiplication and division. We will practise adding and subtracting fractions. We will give the children strategies for solving more complex word problems, particularly those focused on using their knowledge of fractions.

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.
- Read analogue and digital time.



PSHE/Circle Time

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

Music

Children will be developing their knowledge of musical theory and they will learn songs by modern composers.

Science

Your child will explore different forces and carry out a range of investigations looking at air and water resistance. They will plan a fair test and make predictions based on prior knowledge. We will also look at the effects of Magnetism.

How to help your child at home:

Talk about the work of well known scientists e.g. Isaac Newton

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We will explore what values are important to different religions with a focus on learning about Humanism.

PE

In P.E. children will develop their fitness, balance and stance in gymnastics. In dance they will develop their fitness and rhythm. They will play competitive invasion games and apply different principles in netball and football.

MFL

This term for French, the children are learning about travel. We will start by learning 'The Wheels on the Bus' in French. We will focus on constructing sentences using the verb 'aller' -to go.

