



Class Pacific Information for Parents Spring Term 2020

Maths

Year 5 strategy groups will focus on addition, subtraction and multiplication of fractions; decimal fractions, percentages, ratio, statistics and shape.

Year 4 strategy groups will focus on equivalent fractions, fractions of amounts, decimals, time and measure.

In mental maths and on the computers children will revise all the areas of maths regularly revising different skills they have previously covered and consolidating what they are learning in strategy groups.

Outdoor maths this term will focus on fractions, reading scales, nets of shapes and time.

English

Fiction: We will be using the animation 'The Piano' to write a narrative of the film. Pupils will use their writing skills to express emotion and write for impact.

Non-fiction: Children will explore persuasive writing techniques and write a letter.

Poetry: Pupils will perform and watch a range of performance poetry and consider how voices and action can impact the listener before using this to inspire their own writing.

Science

Year 4 Sound and Electricity.

Year 5 Forces and Living things & their Habitats.

ICT

Year 4 - Children will use Pivot to create digital animations and develop their coding skills using Espresso.

Year 5 - Children will use Kodu to program a computer game and develop their coding skills using Espresso.

RE

Pupils will consider: How can following God follow freedom and justice?

What did Jesus do to save human beings?

PHSCE

Pupils will be thinking about British Values including tolerance, mutual respect, the rule of law and democracy.

Music

Pupils will be focusing on Ukulele where they will gain skills in rhythm, timing, and tempo as well as learning about notation.

French

Year 4 Sports and hobbies; likes and dislikes; pets.

Year 5 My family and home

PE Pupils will be focusing on key fundamental skills for agility, balance and coordination and will learn to perform these with accuracy, consistency and control through gymnastics and dance.

They will have the opportunity to develop invasion games skills by playing rugby.

This term's topic focus is Active planet.

In this unit pupils will learn about the mountain environment - how it is formed, where they are located, the plants and animals that thrive there and how humans interact with it. We will also look at earthquakes and volcanoes and the impacts these can have.

Art and Design This will link to movement looking at pneumatics and making moving monsters, emotional expressions and facial movements and the artist Escher. They will use stop-motion animation programs to create their own digital animation.

Other information

- PE kit needed on Tuesday (year 5) and Friday although they should be in school everyday please.
- Swimming - Tuesday (year 4)
- Library books - Friday
- Homework will be given out on Fridays and aimed to be returned by Wednesday.

How can I help at home?

Encourage your child to **read regularly** and talk about the books they are reading.

In the notes section of their planner are their passwords for **IXL, MyMaths and Spelling Shed** which you can access at home. These sites have results sections so you can see how well your child is doing practising their Maths and English skills.

The spellings they need to practise are in their planners and also on the school web-site. Spelling age appropriate words correctly has been given much more importance in end of key stage tests. The key words for your child's year group are on pages **104** and **105** of their planner.

In addition, any time spent practising times tables would benefit your child as accurately recalling these facts at speed increases the accuracy and speed at which they can solve many calculations and reasoning problems. They should know all tables to 12 X 12 by the end of year 4 and be able to answer any question in under six seconds.