

Whitstable Junior School



Term 2 Curriculum Information 2019 For parents in Year 5



It has been great to see the year 5 children settle into Upper School so quickly. They have made a fantastic start to the year, and our displays show all their hard work. We would like to say a huge well done to all the children for completing their first topic homework and a thank you for the support of parents and carers too!

We are looking forward to another amazing term, full of inspiration, awe and wonder, and of course... Christmas!



Miss Lodge and Mrs Migden



What are we learning about this term?



Key Areas covered this term in Maths:



Multiplication and Division:

We are starting our investigations into Multiples and using this to find Factors, Common Factors, Prime Numbers, Square Numbers and Cube Numbers. We will investigate multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and understanding multiples of 10, 100 and 1000s.

Then moving on to revising multiplying 4 digit by 1 digit, Year 5 will look at the next step. We will be multiplying by 2/ 3 and 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. Next, we will look at 4 digit by 1 digit with remainders. Using all our new mathematical knowledge, we will apply our understand to many different forms of problem solvings.

Measure Area and Perimeter:

We will measure and calculate the perimeter of rectangular shapes in centimetres and/or metres and find the area of compound and irregular shapes.

TT Rockstars –don't forget to practise. !



Key Areas covered this term in English:



Ultimate Explorers

In this unit, the children explore the Big Question: **What makes someone a great explorer?**

They research challenges faced by explorers, through a variety of sources, understand and explain different viewpoints and look for evidence about what qualities successful explorers would need. The children will then use this to create a guide to being an astronaut to link with our space topic.

Ultimate Rap!



In this unit they will write and perform their own raps. As a class, they listen to some raps and poems and learn about the differences between rap and poetry.

Spellings:

Don't forget Spelling and Spelling Shed. The new rule will be introduced on a Monday, with a set of spellings sent home to learn, ready for a test on Friday.





North America, Space, RE, D and T, Music, French and Art:



Geography – North America

We will be exploring the continent of North America, learning about the different countries, the states of the USA and famous landmarks. We will also be exploring human and physical features and comparing countries to the UK.

Science – Space

In this unit, pupils will describe the movement of Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in our Solar System. They will describe the movement of the Moon relative to Earth and describe the Sun, Earth and the Moon as approximately spherical bodies. Pupils will use the idea of Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky. They will also have the opportunity to find out how ideas about the solar system have developed and changed over time.



Religious Studies –

If God is everywhere – why go to a place of worship?

Pupils will learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about worship, drawing out more detail, history and diversity through focussing on places of worship. They will learn about the various purposes of a place of worship as well as how believers see these places.

D and T – Luna Rovers

The children will be developing their design and making skill by producing a model of a vehicle that could be used to explore a planet or moon's surface.

French – Mon Ecole

This term we will continue with Mon Ecole with a real focus on school subjects and applying them to our classroom lessons.

Music

We will be listening to a range of music linked to our space and North America theme. Later, we will be learning songs for Christmas



PHSE: What makes a community?



Our PHSE focus for this term will be to look at 'what does discrimination mean?' We will look at how actions can affect self and others; discrimination, teasing and bullying; stereotypes; differences and similarities between people; and what equality means.

Here are a few extra pieces of useful information that we would like to share with you:

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for break time; this can be a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. If you prefer, the children can purchase a fruit token from their teacher in the morning for 40p and spend it at the fruit café at break.

Dates for the diary:

- **Friday 1st November- 3H will be read to by the amazing Ben Roddy, whilst the rest of the school listen**
- **WWI Celebrations/Remembrance on Monday 11th November**
- **Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 11th to Friday 15th November**
- **Our Open morning for prospective parents is on 16th November, children will be invited to help during the morning.**
- **Arts Week – Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December**
- **Our Year 3 Nativity will be performed to the school on Tuesday 10th December.**
- **Our Year 3 Nativity will be performed to the families and friends on Wednesday 11th December at 2.15pm and again on Thursday 12th December at 6pm.**
- **Our Pantomime Day is on Friday 13th December.**
- **Our Christmas Lunch and Wear a something Festive is on Tuesday 17th December.**
- **Our Christmas Fair from 3:15pm on Wednesday 18th December.**
- **End of Term is Thursday 19th December at 3:15pm.**

