

# Whitstable Junior School



## Term 2 Curriculum Information 2018

### 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!



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The Year 5 team

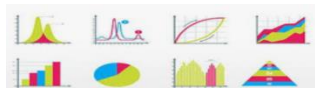


## What are we learning about this term?

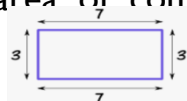
### Key Areas covered this term in Maths:

**Multiplication and division**-We will be finishing our unit on multiplication and division using our facts and applying them to problems.

**Statistics to solve problems** -In this topic, we will read, draw and interpret a line graph and then apply this knowledge to problem solving. We will look at a range of tables and read and interpret them. We will apply this understanding in the context of real life by using timetables to solve problems effectively.



**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.



### Key Areas covered this term in English:

We will be developing the children's spelling ability through use of our Read, Write Inc scheme, with a focus on spelling rules and patterns.

#### 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.



## 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 humans 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 about 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 ourselves and others, as well as discussing discrimination, teasing and bullying; stereotypes; differences and similarities between people; and what equality means.



**PE:** We are continuing our exciting year with Mr Kidd doing Basketball and Space Dance. **P\_kits should be in school every day** due to weather constraints and occasional changes in timetable.

### Additional Information:

Children should be encouraged to read and practice times tables every night and record this in their contact books – they will be checked on a weekly basis and rewards will be given.

**Homework for SPAG and Maths will be sent on a Wednesday to be returned the next Monday.**

Topic homework will be sent out at the beginning of the term in the form of a project and should be completed and returned in the final week of term.

**-Poppies will be on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

**-WWI Celebrations – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.** Children are invited to dress up as an evacuee on the Thursday.

**-Tombola Thursday is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**-Our Open morning is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November for prospective parents.**

**-Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Is our Pantomime Day and children can wear a Christmas jumper.**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas Fair from 3:15pm**

**Our choir will be singing to the Residents of Bradbury Grange on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**End of Term is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3:15pm.**

Thank you for your support.

