



NEWSLETTER Summer Term 1

English

Week 1-4: Billy the Kid.

Children will be reading and writing texts inspired by the book 'Billy the Kid' by Michael Morpurgo. This book follows the main character through his life and through the decades from the 1930s to the present day. It is themed around football but also has historical links. During this unit, the children will be writing descriptions of characters and setting, newspaper articles, recounts, writing and responding to poetry and also learning how Michael Morpurgo has created different effects using words. They will also be extending their grammar understanding by practicing and their use of speech punctuation and revising complex sentence structures.

Week 5 and 6: Treasure Island. This unit will be completed after half term.

In this unit, the children will explore the themes and events of this historical text. They will be looking at the characters and discussing the moods and language which has been used to create these moods. They will also be using drama to respond to this classic text and comparing different versions.

Suggested activities to help your child in English this half term:

http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/literacy/lit_site/html/fiction/treasure_is/story.htm

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/english/treasure_island/episodes/part_1

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/sentences/play/

In Maths this term:

Week 1 & 2: Decimals, fractions and percentages and their relationship.

Week 3: Place value.

Week 4 and 5: All 4 operations in word problems.

Week 6 and 7: Fractions.

Week 8: Percentages.

Week 9: Shape reflection and rotation.

Week 10: Position, coordinates and translation.

Week 11: Angles, Area and Perimeter

Week 12 and 13: Measures.

Suggested activities to help your child in maths this half term:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?a=activity08>

<http://www.math-play.com/Place-Value-Millionaire/place-value-millionaire-game.html>

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/amblesideweb/mentalmaths/protractor.html>

Other curriculum areas this half term:

In Science: Animals including humans. In this unit, unit focuses on the changes that humans experience as they develop to old age. It links with our PSHCE learning this term and our visit from the school nurse in May (letter to follow).

In Geography: This term the children will be learning about Rivers. They will be learning about sources of rivers and also erosion culminating in a river field trip.

In DT: We will be concentrating on Design Technology this term - children will be designing and making their own phone case this half term. They will complete the whole design process, which will include product evaluations, and will also develop their measuring and sewing skills when making their own product. After Half Term children will be creating and baking their own bread. This will involve creating a flavour and a unique design.

In PSHE: This term's focus in PSHE is Relationships and will involve a visit from the school nurse to discuss changes in the body during puberty, as part of our RSE Curriculum. A letter from the office will follow. Children will also be learning about road safety.

In Music, they will be using glockenspiels and keyboards to complete a music unit based on Bon Jovi's Living on a Prayer. They will then be responding to music when they study the Hornpipe music, linked to their Treasure Island work.

In Computing this term, the children will be photographers learning how to download and edit photos on the computers using editing software.

P.E: May 14th - June 18th children will be swimming at Reed's School on Monday mornings. They also will be taking part in athletics and perfecting batting and bowling skills in Cricket.

In R.E this term, children will be looking at Islam asking what they can learn from their teachings.

Useful websites for this half term's curriculum learning:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zgssgk7/resources/1>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/riversandcoasts/>

General Messages:

Road Safety - Please ensure that you talk to your children about road safety, including what hazards to look out for when walking or cycling.

Swimming - Will take place on Monday mornings (14th & 21st May; 4th, 11th & 18th June). Please ensure children remember their kit.

Homework:

Please ensure your child is completing homework at home. They should spend half an hour on each piece of homework -including half an hour a night reading. Any child that has not brought in homework will complete their homework in lunchtime or Golden Time.

Timestables:

P.E

If your child is unable to do P.E, please let us know by writing a short letter. Kits should always be in school for the P.E sessions. Our P.E lessons this term are Tuesday and Thursday apart from May 14th -June 18th when swimming will take place on Monday mornings. Please remember swimming kit.

Important Dates:

School Nurse - 16th May

Sports Day - July 6th

Juniper Hall (Field Trip) - 25th June

End of Year Production (Year 5 singing) :
16th July Afternoon / 17th July Evening