



## Autumn Term 1

### In English this half term:

**Week 1 and 2:** The children will be learning about autobiographies. The children will learn to use adverbial phrases and complex sentences. They will also look at using brackets.

**Week 3:** The children will be learning about biographies. They will be learning about different layouts and how bullet points are used. They will be writing a short biography about a famous scientist.

**Week 4 and Week 5:** The children will be learning about newspapers. They will be using their English skills to write their own newspaper article about the Battle of Marathon. The children will be learning about direct and reported speech.

**Week 6, Week 7 and Week 8:** During these weeks, the children will study the book War Game. In this unit, the children will write a variety of text types, whilst also learning about World War 1

### In Maths this half term:

**Week 1, 2 and 3:** Place value, including decimal numbers and negative numbers. Ordering, comparing and rounding numbers. Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

**Week 4 and 5:** Securing written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Understanding the inverse and applying these methods to problem solving.

**Week 6:** Revising equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions, mixed numbers and improper fraction. Applying this to the addition and subtraction of fractions.

**Week 7:** Geometry - revising 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Recognising angles within a shape.

**Week 8:** Measure - the children will learn to calculate the perimeter, area and volume of shapes.

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

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling\\_grammar/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/)

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=47>

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

Place value understanding is key in Year 6. Please encourage your child to practise this using these activities

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=21>

### **Other curriculum areas this half term:**

In Science this half term the children will be studying Evolution and Inheritance. They will be learning about fossils, how humans and animals have evolved and why some animals have become extinct.

In History this half term, Year 6 will be learning about Ancient Greece. The children will be learning about how life was different in the past and the legacy that the Ancient Greeks have left behind.

In art this half term, the children will link their learning to our topic on Ancient Greece.

In PSHE, the children will be refreshing the Growth Mind set work.

In computing the children will be focussing on e-safety.

### **Useful websites for this half term's curriculum learning:**

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools\\_and\\_teachers/resources/cultures/ancient\\_greece.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools_and_teachers/resources/cultures/ancient_greece.aspx)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient\\_greeks/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ancient_greeks/)

### **General Messages:**

**Reading is still important!**

**Your child should be reading independently for at least 15 minutes each day.**

Even though your child may be able to read by themselves, it is still important to check they have understood what they are reading. Please try to ask your child what has happened in the story.

Remind your child to bring in their Home/School contact book everyday and to keep it up to date.

### **P.E - Tuesday and Friday**

If your child is unable to do P.E, please let us know by letter.

### **Times tables**

It is vital that your child knows all their times tables accurately. Please encourage them to practise and test them at home regularly