



### What We Are Learning This Term!

<u>English:</u>	<p>Our English will be inspired by our class text - we will be reading Katherine Rundell's 'The Explorer' in class and using this as a stimulus for narrative writing, flashbacks, and persuasive writing.</p> <p>Later in the term, we will be looking at Shakespeare's Macbeth and Sonnet 18. Time will routinely be given to teaching grammar - reinforcing previous learning and extending our understanding of word and sentence structure including modal verbs and relative clauses. We will also consolidate the use of punctuation, including the use of apostrophes and inverted commas.</p> <p><u>Reading:</u> See other box for more info!</p> <p><u>Spellings:</u></p> <p>Base 1: Spellings are handed out on Friday, practiced during the week, and tested the following Friday.</p> <p>Base 2 and 4: Spellings are handed out on Monday and tested the following Monday.</p> <p>Any home support is greatly appreciated.</p>
<u>Numeracy:</u>	Consolidating mental and written calculation strategies, with a focus on place value, the four operations (+ - x ÷) and fractions.
<u>Science:</u>	<p><b>Living things and their habitats:</b> We'll be looking at classifying animals and plants and exploring microorganisms.</p> <p><b>Evolution and Inheritance:</b> We will be looking at how plants and animals have evolved over time and finding out about Charles Darwin.</p>
<u>History:</u>	<b>Mayans:</b> Our focus will be on the Mayan Civilization using a variety of sources to explore how society was organized, religion and their decline.
<u>Design and Technology:</u>	<b>Bridges:</b> We will be exploring a variety of techniques used in bridge construction and building our own models.
<u>Art and Design:</u>	<b>Painting and Mixed Media:</b> Children will be studying a selection of portrait artists and developing their own skills by creating a mixed media portrait.
<u>Games /PE:</u>	Swimming, invasion games and dance.
<u>Music:</u>	Reading and composing Music.
<u>Computing</u>	Programming a microbit, Data handling - Mars Rover Project and Online Safety
<u>French:</u>	Revisiting me, Telling the time, Daily life of a Superhero, Homes and houses and Elf on the Shelf.
<u>RE:</u>	Words of Wisdom from Sikhs, Muslims and Christians.
<u>RHE:</u>	Being Me and Celebrating Differences.

## READING

Put simply, reading regularly and for a sustained amount of time is the best thing a child can do to make progress, expand their vocabulary, increase their imagination, and enhance knowledge.

Developing good reading habits is vital and we would really appreciate it if you could encourage and support your child in doing this. This could include: -

- Having regular quiet reading times (minimum of 20 minutes) at least three times a week
- Giving your child an opportunity to discuss their reading. There are suggestions for this in the back pages of their diaries.
- The chance to read independently and to a grown-up - even in Year 6.

As part of children's homework, we expect them to read at home at least three times a week, with signatures from parents. We welcome any feedback on successes or difficulties they have had.

## HOMEWORK

This year, homework will be a mix of arithmetic tests or online Century tasks.

Century tasks will be set for Base 2 and Base 4 on Monday and completed by the following Monday. For Base 1 set on a Friday and completed by the following Friday. We will be setting eight 'nuggets' a week, but if your child would like to do extra, it is encouraged that they follow their personalised pathway.

## Swimming

Swimming for Year 5 and 6 will be on Wednesdays from the 18<sup>th</sup> of October for five weeks - please make sure that their swimming kit is brought in and taken home each Wednesday.

## Fitness

We are continuing with Fitness Friday. To make this easier, we would like the children to come into school wearing their P.E. kit on Friday and stay in their kit all day. Please ensure that as the weather gets colder your child has a warm layer which can be put over kit - preferably plain and dark in colour.

Each class will also need to bring P.E. kit in on the following days:

**Base 1:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Base 2:** Monday and Tuesday

**Base 4:** Tuesday (2 sessions)

## **GUESS WHAT!**



To support our science topic on classification of living organisms, Exotic Zoo will be visiting on the 11<sup>th</sup> October.