

Curriculum Guide

Here is a short summary of the curriculum your child will be following this half term. You can help by:

- Sharing a book with your child each day
- Helping your child with their learn by heart target or multiplication tables
- Speaking to your child about their work and day at school
- Making sure they have the right equipment for school
- Checking their homework diary each week

Reading Writing	 We will be reading The Boy Who Met a Whale by Nizrana Farook. This is an adventure book based in Serendib, which is modern-day Sri Lanka. Our other texts will be Little Red Writing by Joan Holub, and Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs. We will be practicing all word-reading, fluency and comprehension skills, with a particular focus on vocabulary, prediction, inference and text structure. Our first writing activity will be to write a magazine article about the history of the wheel. Children will find out about the origins of this technology and its impact on civilization, and they will write in distinct paragraphs about these, using expanded noun 	
	phrases, questions, adverbs and adverbials. Our second activity will be to use powerful description and direct speech as we re-tell the ancient story about Osiris and Seth.	
Mathematics	This half term, we will be learning about time. Children will be focusing on writing and converting time between analogue and digital 12- and 24-hour clocks. Then, we will be learning about statistics focusing on bar charts, pictograms and time graphs.	Learn By Heart Targets: We will also be focusing on all the times tables up to 12.
Creative Curriculum	Our topic this half term, is called "Invasion" and is history based. This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilization. We will be learning about electricity in science. In music, we will be singing and playing the song 'Lean on Me' written by Bill Withers. In computing, we will investigate computer hardware, including micro:bits.	
Physical Education	In P.E. this half term, children in year 4 will continue to develop their cricket skills, activities will include, control of the bat and ball, knowing how to throw and catch over an increasing distance, and hitting the ball with the correct technique. Year 4 children will also be participating in the invasion game of dodgeball to improve their team work and gross motor skills. In addition, there will be an intra – school house point dodgeball competition this half term, to help develop healthy attitudes to winning and losing.	

These are some of the websites we will be using this half term to help with our school work.

Hit the Button

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Word and Spelling Games

http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy.html

Various maths games

http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting

Times Table Rock Stars

NumBots

Spelling Shed

Maths Magician – All operations <u>http://resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/cathymath.html</u>

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