

Year 5 Summer 2 Curriculum Letter

Homework– 2hrs weekly

- **Reading (50 mins)**
- **Times Tables: TTRS**
- **Readiwriter : Spellings**

Key Dates for this half-term

10th June—Non uniform for Poppy house
22nd June— Class photos
27th June—Book look with children and parents and new Teacher presentations to parents. Exact date to be confirmed
30th June— Changeover day
2nd July— School summer Fete
4th July— Swimming gala all week
6th July— Essex Green Day
13th July— End of Year attainment reports home
Week of 11th July— Class parties / House competitions/ Summer splash- Dates to be confirmed
20th July— Break the rules day
21st July—Last day of term 1.30pm finish

Maths

We are starting this term with understanding properties of shape and learning different angles. We will then move on to position and direction, learning coordinates and lines of symmetry. We will be finishing the term with converting units and volume.

Times Tables Rock Stars is also a daily requirement, so please ensure your child logs on for 15 minutes each day.

Support please!

We would appreciate your support at home if you can help work on times-tables, including division facts, and the four operations.

Welcome to the Summer Term

We hope all had a wonderful half term and that you were able to spend some quality time together enjoying the lovely weather!

As we continue into the school year, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and is dressed smartly at all times, is completing their weekly homework weekly and is rested for a busy term of learning ahead!

If at any time, you wish to speak to a member of staff, regarding your child, please make an appointment with the class teacher.

Happy learning everyone!

Physical Exercise (PE)

Exercise is extremely important to help with both our physical and mental well-being. Please ensure that pupils have a water bottle with them and the correct P.E. kit, as the weather turns colder please ensure your child has warmer clothing for PE.

If for any medical reason, your child cannot take part in a PE lesson, they must provide a note explaining a reason why. Repeated absence from lessons will be challenged, unless a valid excuse is given.

Please make sure that all jewellery is removed before taking part in P.E

Science

Our first Science topic for the half term will be about forces. Describing the life and work of Sir Isaac Newton. Exploring gravity and air, Investigating mechanisms— levers and pulleys. As well as making predictions about floating and sinking.

Equipment and Snack reminder!

Please do not allow your child to bring unnecessary equipment, toys or fidget gadgets into school. All equipment is provided for pupils who have additional needs. Please also remember that only fruit is allowed at breaktime!

English and Reading

As a school, we are really focusing on building our reading skills, as well as promoting a love of reading. We will be finishing *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* and moving on to the novel *Friend or Foe* which extends the childrens learning of World War 2. Exploring feelings of main characters during the evacuation, comparing texts and genres and finally writing a new scene for the novel. The children will also be creating a presentation about the author to share across classes.

Support please

Please encourage your child to read more at home, reading aloud really helps with their fluency skills. Many Year 5 pupils struggle with answering questions based on what they have just read so talking to them about it would be really beneficial.

Experience – WW2

This term we are continuing our topic—World War II. This is a huge topic of great importance, and is one of the few historical topics that the children learn about from which there are people around today who have experienced it.

We are going to be learning more about food during our technology lessons, creating recipes, sources ingredients and finally cooking our own WW2 dishes.

The children will be creating propaganda posters and will have a good understanding about how these posters impacted young men and their ideas about fighting for their country.

We will also be looking at newspaper articles through WW2 and creating our own.

Wartime Carrot Cake

During the Second World War when sugar was rationed to 3oz per week, carrots were used to naturally sweeten cakes and biscuits.

The sweetness of the carrots replaced some of the sugar used in the original recipe.

8 oz. self-raising flour
3 lbz. margarine or cooking fat
3 oz. sugar
4 oz. finely grated carrot
2 oz. sultanas
a little milk or water
1 recombinated dried egg or 1 fresh egg if obtainable

METHOD

Preheat oven to 220C/ 425F Gas Mark 7

Sift the flour into a mixing bowl

Rub in the margarine or cooking fat

Add sugar, carrot, sultanas and egg

Mix well and then add sufficient milk or water to make sticky

Pour mixture into a lined baking tin and cook until golden in colour

