






Year 5 Learning

Summer Term 1

 <p>English</p>	<p>In English, we will be reading the novel 'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden. We will be writing character descriptions of Carrie and the other characters. We will also be letter writing and creating descriptive paragraphs. In addition, we will write a new chapter which could be included in the novel. At the end of the unit, we will watch the film version and make comparisons to the text. In the second part of the half term, we will be learning about discussions and will take part in a class debate linked to the Romans topic. We will continue to work on our spelling, handwriting, grammar and punctuation through morning work sessions and within English lessons. We will participate in weekly comprehension and guided reading sessions. We will also continue using our 'learning muscles' to improve our learning and thinking skills.</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>In Maths, we will build on the skills we have learnt last term and introduce some new ones too. Place Value will see the children rounding numbers up to 6 digits, with decimals. We will learn how to tell the time using 24 hour clock and also develop our understanding of fractions by multiplying them. There will be work on co-ordinates and also problem solving using the 4 operations; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>In Science, the focus will be on chemical changes and changes that are irreversible. We will investigate the physical changes that take place when attempting to dissolve flour, and also the effect of heat on foods like bread which becomes toast, and why overcooking can lead to burning. We will also investigate what happens when natural materials like wax and hair burn, and what gases are given off in combustion. The effectiveness of carbon dioxide as a fire extinguisher will be shown as will the effects of rusting on metals like iron.</p>
 <p>Topic</p>	<p>In our topic work for this half term, we will begin to learn about Rome and the impact of the Romans on Britain. We will learn about Romulus and Remus and their role as the founders of Rome; we will create storyboards linked to the story. We will learning about the terms AD and BC and will create a timeline of events linked to the invasion of Britain. We will learn about the British tribes and discuss the lack of one ruler and how each tribe had their own King or tribal chief. Later in the topic, we will learn about the leader Julius Caesar, the Roman emperor Claudius, Boudicca's revolt and also Hadrian's Wall. We will continue using iPads and computers to complete research and create own fact files.</p>
 <p>Home school partnership</p>	<p>We would like you to help your child at home with the following activities:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• listen to your child read regularly and then discuss what has been read to develop their understanding;• practise spellings for the test on Friday;• practise the times tables up to 12x12;• practise handwriting skills (sheets available on request). <p>A variety of different computer activities are available for your child to access including Lexia, RM Easimaths, Espresso and Mathletics (children have log in codes in their reading record books).</p>
<p>Reminders</p>	<p>Reading books and record books should be in school every day and be signed by an adult at home at least once a week; Children should try to use Mathletics regularly at home; Outdoor Games is on a Tuesday afternoon; Indoor PE is on a Wednesday afternoon.</p>