

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well and that you all had a restful and relaxing break.

The following table outlines the work we shall be covering this term. We hope that this gives you a clear indication of what your children will be learning and ways in which you can support them.

The Young Shakespeare Company delivered a workshop on Friday 17th January that the children really enjoyed.

You are able to contribute to the cost via Parent pay. We will continue to explore Shakespeare in our literacy lessons.

Subject	Focus	Suggestions for parents
Maths	<p>This term in mathematics the focus will be on fractions, multiplication, division and decimals. We follow the White Rose scheme and there are some free resources available on the parent part of their website: https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads</p>	<p>Please help your child to learn the times tables up to 12x12. Practise them every day to build proficiency.</p> <p>Support your child to tell the time on a 12 hour and 25 hour clock.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for your child to deepen their understanding of money.</p> <p>Support your child with their homework.</p>
Literacy	<p>1st half term: We will also focus on William Shakespeare and his play A Midsummer Night’s Dream. This will include our annual, exciting workshop run by The Young Shakespeare Company. We will read and write some sonnets.</p> <p>2nd half term: Poetry will focus on T.S.Eliot’s Macavity: The Mystery Cat; children will learn, recite and perform. Literacy will focus around the Text ‘Escape from Pompeii’ which links to our Geography topic of Volcanoes and Earthquakes.</p> <p>Regular spelling/ grammar and handwriting sessions.</p>	<p>Read to your child regularly and encourage them to read to you. Please then discuss the texts that you have read together.</p> <p>Listen to your child prepare and recite poems.</p> <p>Research William Shakespeare-Who is he? Where is he from? Why is he famous? What are some of his most famous plays and sonnets?</p> <p>Login to spelling shed to practice key spelling patterns.</p>
Science	<p>1st half term: Forces (building on what was covered in the autumn term)</p> <p>2nd half term: Properties and changes of materials.</p>	<p>Discuss with you children what they have been learning, reinforcing scientific vocabulary.</p> <p>Explore BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zryycdm</p>
Geography	<p>We will be studying Volcanoes and Earthquakes in Geography, exploring the earth’s structure, plate tectonics, how earthquakes and volcanoes are created. We will examine the different types, why explosions occur and the effects on human and physical geography of the surrounding areas.</p>	<p>Look at atlases with your child, share any family photos of visits or places in North and Central America.</p> <p>Explore recent eruptions and earthquakes. Discuss the impact on the people living near them.</p>
Art	<p>Art will be linked to City landscapes.</p>	<p>Display your children’s artwork when it is sent home.</p>

	And of course ART WEEK.	Encourage your children to sketch and practise techniques at home.
PSHE	How can we keep our Minds healthy?	Explore the wellbeing part of the BBC website: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/moodboosters
Design and Technology	Creating our own pencil cases with a focus on fastenings.	Look in detail at different fastenings at home. How does Velcro work? How many different types are there?
Computing	Coding using our Purple Mash scheme. Children will have a crash course in all things coding and debugging.	Encourage your child to logon and explore Purple mash at home.
R.E	This term we will be exploring Racism and how religious and humanist teaching share the same messages around Racism.	Enter the Spirited arts competition https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/ Under the theme 'No to racism, yes to respect.'
Music	1 st Half term: Cyclic patterns 2 nd Half term: At the movies	Listen to and explore music children have heard at school.
Spanish	1 st Half term: Mi ciudad 2 nd Half term: Las Pescadoras Valenciana	Listen to your child practise key words and phrases.

Some dates for your diaries:

Young Shakespeare Company workshop – 17th January
Monday 10th February 2024-Friday 14th February 2025: Art Week
Monday 17th – 21st February 2025: HALF TERM
Tuesday 11th March 2024 and Thursday 13th March 2025: Parent consultations
Monday 31st March 2025 – Trip to the Natural History Museum
Easter Holidays: Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April 2025
School starts back for the Summer term on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Homework – There are weekly tasks available on Google classroom. As well as updates about life in year 5.

We are excited about the events to come this term and hope your child enjoys the range of opportunities available. We thank you for your continued support.

The Year 5 Team

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