

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so pleased to see the children following their Summer break and back enthusiastic to learn! If you have any questions, as always, please come and speak to us.

Summer 1 in Year 5

Our topic is: Animals including humans.

English	Maths	Science	Design and Technology	Guided Reading
<p>This term we'll be studying the book <i>Holes</i> by Louis Sachar. Our writing journey next term starts with us writing a setting description, based on the book's location. We will then be writing a non-chronological report on a fictional reptile found in the book. To finish the writing journey, the children will write a persuasive letter to persuade parents to send their children to Camp Green Lake.</p>	<p>In the first half of this term the children will be studying the topic of factors, multiples and primes. This will be explored through the context of volume. The children will then look to use this knowledge to solve a number of problems in a range of contexts. The children will then start exploring fractions by multiplying and using their knowledge to solve fraction problems.</p>	<p>This term the children will be exploring living things and their habitats. By the end of the unit the children will be able to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. They will also be able to describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. The topic will finish with the children being able to describe the changes as humans develop to old age.</p>	<p>This term the children will be creating their very own soft toy. This will be inspired by our English text driver <i>Holes</i>, where the children are introduced to a yellow-spotted lizard. They will be introduced to basic sewing skills and explore textile materials to create their product. As well as incorporating their mathematical skills in measuring.</p>	<p>This term the children will be studying the poem 'The Highwayman'. The children will be exploring this poem by focusing on the skills; summarising, inference and prediction. The children will explore a wide range of vocabulary within these poems and discuss their understanding to ensure they understand the meaning. The children will also practise performing the poem to read aloud.</p>
PE	RE	Music	Computing	PSHE
<p>This term the children will be focusing on Cricket and Athletics. They will begin to explore the fundamental skills and elements of these sports. By the end of this the children will have a good understanding on how to participate in both Cricket and Athletics.</p>	<p>This term the children will be looking at stewardship (to look after the world of God). The children will explore ways in which Muslims and other religions believe God has created a world in which humans have a special role as stewards of creation. They will also explore how Muslims look after the interests of the planet and all life on it.</p>	<p>The children will be exploring Gamelan which originates from Bali. They will look at the musical devices of interlocking rhythm, vocal chant, musical cycles, ternary form (ABA), Pentatonic scale, Tempo, Dynamics, 20th century orchestral music.</p>	<p>This term the children will look at programming through a selection of quizzes. They will explore a selection in programming to design and code an interactive quiz.</p>	<p>PSHE this term will be focusing on how finance plays an important part in people's lives. They will gain an understanding on what is meant by 'interest, loan and debt'. The children will also continue to research, discuss and debate issues concerning health and well being focusing primarily on Media issues, helping others and emotional and mental well being.</p>

How can I help my child at home?

Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

Useful websites:

BugClub

TT Rock Stars

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.topmarks.co.uk (Daily 10 Timetables)

Homework, home-reading and PE.

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of half term. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it.

Homework books are to be handed in every **Monday**.

Year 5 have PE on a **Wednesday and Friday**. Your child needs to bring their PE kit into school on these days.

Home Help!

Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of genres to broaden their reading experiences. Please don't forget, whenever you read at home your child should fill in a section of their Reading Booklet. As well as home-school reading books, anything that children read can count towards entries on the card. We would love to see the amount of booklets we receive increase this term.

Home Reading Books

During Summer 1, we will be continuing to set homeschool reading books online at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Student logins will be provided in the front of Homework Books.