

Homework and weekly tests: Each Friday, the children can log onto See Saw and download their homework and their spellings. To begin with, we will be setting spellings, times tables and reading, but as the term progresses, we will also add challenges that consolidate the children's learning objectives in numeracy and literacy.

Spellings will be tested on Friday.

The times tables test will be on a Friday. Children should ensure that they are practicing these regularly.

Children should ensure that they are reading at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded in their reading diary and signed by an adult. Reading diaries need to be brought into school on Friday to be checked.

Trip: This term we will be visiting Burwell House. This trip directly links to our topic work for the term. All information about this trip has been sent out.

MFL: In French lessons this term, children will learn greetings and talk about family. After half term, they will learn the vocabulary associated with school subjects and telling the time. They will learn how to spell common words correctly.

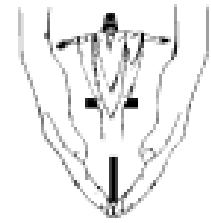
PSHE : Pupils will study this term, the topic "Being me in my world.", where we will explore what it means to be a citizen,. Empathy, citizenship and responsibilities. Will be discussed. We will also study "Celebrating differences", which covers racism and bullying.

History: Our History topic this term is 'Invaders and Settlers'. Pupils will learn about who the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons were and where and when they lived. They will focus on key events during this time period.

Cooking and Gardening: This term pupils will have the opportunity to research their own recipes and create them. We will spend time tending to our allotment area. We will harvest our crops from last term, turn over and prepare the soil. We will plant garlic and peas.

Music: During the first half term, the children will have the opportunity to learn how to play the toot instrument. After half term, the children will also be using rock anthems to recognise styles, find the pulse, recognise instruments, listen to and discuss other dimensions of music.

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Year Five Autumn Topic Letter 2023

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The following is an outline of the work that your child will be covering this term.

This term our topic will be 'Invaders and Settlers'

Literacy: During the first part of this term the children will read and explore our focus text, 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. Pupils will focus on character development and writing their own finding story.

This term we will be also reading a range of narrative texts, non-fiction texts and poetry from around the world. Pupils will have the chance to experience the work of a range of children's authors, read child friendly newspapers and stories from a range of cultures. We will explore narrative poetry in the second half term.

Geography: Our Geography work will focus on the development of a locality and our trip in September to Burwell House. Pupils will work as a research team to compare the similarities and differences between two different localities and life living in a village. Pupils will develop their skills of using secondary sources of information and a range of fieldwork techniques. They will use maps and compasses to orientate themselves and take part in orienteering activities. The children will also have the opportunity to learn about settlements and land use.

Art/DT: In our art lessons this term, pupils will compare a number of portraits, considering the effect created by materials and composition. Pupils will experiment with different materials, media and techniques to adapt their own photo portraits and will create a self-portrait that aims to represent something about them.

Numeracy: This term in Numeracy we will be completing units of work on:

- * Place value, including comparing, rounding and estimating numbers up to 1 million.
- * Solving problems that use increasingly larger numbers, negative numbers and decimal numbers
- * Developing knowledge of maths vocabulary to include the terms; prime, factor, multiples, and square numbers
- * Using skills of rounding and estimation and knowledge of inverses in order to check calculations
- * Using mental (practical) and formal written methods to solve problems using any of the four mathematical operations.
- * Describing ways of solving puzzles and problems, justifying their choices using mathematical vocabulary.

Computing

Our computing topic this term is computing systems and networks. Pupils will explore how online messages are communicated to others across the world. They will recognise that connected digital devices allow us to access shared files stored online. Pupils will understand that online messages are sent in packets and will explore how packets are passed from one source to another. Pupils will also find out different ways of working with others online.

Science Our Science lessons this term will focus on the topic: Dissolving and separating materials. During the term pupils will learn more about separating materials and about the properties of materials and how they are used. Children will create their own investigations in order to answer a scientific question.

PE: Our PE units for this term will be dance and netball. In Dance pupils will learn about a range of dance elements including pathways, levels and shapes, and consider how these can be used to enhance a performance. We will also create our own dance motifs. During their netball sessions, pupils will develop their knowledge of attack and defence techniques and build upon their team playing skills. Our P.E lessons will be on Wednesday.

The children will need plimsols for indoor PE and trainers for the outdoor PE. The children will also need wellies for outdoor learning opportunities. Please ensure that each item is labelled with your child name.