

Curriculum report to Parents and Carers of Silver and Ebony Class

Dear Parents / Carers,

Allison, Silver Class teacher and William, Ebony Class teacher would like to welcome you and your child back to the new academic year and Year 5. Here is an overview of the curriculum planned for this term and any additional targets that you and your child can work on together. It promises to be an inspiring and busy term!

In Maths this term we will be studying place value, the four number operations, line graphs and area and perimeter. The children need to know their times tables and practice of these on a regular basis at home would be beneficial. Other activities at home that you could do with your child to support their mathematics development include telling the time, cooking and weighing ingredients and reading bus timetables.



In Literacy, we will be focusing on grammar bread and butter, creative writing and poetry. Non-fiction writing will involve writing recounts. Our class text this term is *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Raúf. Please support your child by encouraging them to talk about what they are learning at school. Please also remind your child that their **reading book should be taken home every day** and to complete daily entries in their Reading Records. There are prompts included in the back of their Reading Record and they are expected to use these to inform their reading responses.



History this term will start with 'The Elizabethans' before going into more detail about the Tudor times. In this topic we learn about the lives of rich and poor people and study and evaluate evidence for life during this period. Accessing history live by visiting the Tower of London will bring history to life enabling children to gather their own evidence and draw their own conclusions about what life was like in Tudor times. Before half term there will be a strong focus on source work and afterwards we'll focus on chronology studying the timeline of Kings and Queens. Art and DT will be tied directly into history this term as we design our own coats of arms in the Elizabethan style.



In science, we will look at 'Animals including Humans' before half term and afterwards at 'Forces'. 'Animals including Humans' will cover changes as people grow older. The topic 'Forces' will enable children to explore forces such as resistance, friction and gravity, as well as develop their understanding of



mechanisms and how forces impact their operation.

Religious Education will involve investigating the question: If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship? They will learn about different places of worship, the various purposes they serve, and how they compare and contrast.

In PSHE, children will be learning about Mental Health and Wellbeing, with a focus on dealing with feelings as well as positive relationships.

In computing, we will cover Digital Literacy which includes online safety and the history of computing before moving onto coding with Scratch.

In PE the children will be working with the Elms coaches on Football, Tag Rugby and Hockey.

We expect children to be actively involved in their learning at home and encourage the children to engage in as much independent work as possible. This can involve extra research on topics of study using their local library, or if possible, the Internet. Please spend time practising times tables and mental arithmetic. Spellings and Maths homework will be set on a weekly basis. These are to be completed over the weekend and brought into school on Monday. We also expect the children to be reading every night for 15-30 minutes and we encourage you to support their love of reading by reading with them and/or using prompts from the back of the Reading Record.



Finally, please ensure that your child arrives at school on time as this really does make a positive start to their day. We look forward to having an exciting, enjoyable and educational term and welcome your support in any way to achieve this. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any queries about your child or their progress.

We look forward to seeing you on Parent's evening later on in the term.

Yours faithfully,

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