



St John's Walham Green C of E Primary School
Information for Parents - Summer

Year Group: 5 Term: Summer Class Teacher: Mr Wilson and Miss Middleton Date: April 2017

Our main topic for this term is British Discovery

REGULAR TASKS:

Handwriting: To practice and develop neat, joined handwriting, checking that letters are evenly sized, as well as ensuring that sentences are correctly punctuated with commas and varied punctuation. We have been working on regular handwriting sessions at school and presentation of all homework should be of a high standard.

Our topic this term is 'British Discovery.' We hope that the children can share what they are learning with you at home. It's great that the children are asking so many questions. Please encourage this at home!

Reading: It is important for your child to read every evening for at least 20 minutes (10 pages a day). Your child should be reading a range of texts including stories, poetry, newspapers, instructions as well as science books etc. Ask questions about what they're reading as much as possible to ensure they have understood it. The children should remember to bring their reading books and records in every day.

Spelling: Your child will be given weekly spellings on a Friday, as part of their homework. As well as learning these for a weekly test, they must write them into sentences or paragraphs. It is important for them to understand the definitions, so it is essential for them to have a dictionary available.

Times tables: It is vital that the children practice their times tables at home. Children should know each times tables 2-12 by the end of Year 5. The children will be tested on their times tables each week.

Homework: Homework will be given on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The children will be expected to record their homework task in their homework diary and get this signed by parents.

Maths: This term we will be working our way through many different concepts such as reading Geometry (measuring and drawing angles, investigating angles on lines, at points and in shapes), Position and Movement (naming and plotting coordinates on a graph and describing translations and movements of shapes). We will also be giving the children an arithmetic test to consolidate their learning in year 5 so far
Further information:

P.E.: Our PE lessons will be on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons.

History/Geography: This term we will learn about British Discoveries. We will be researching British people who made discoveries that are significant to Britain.

Science: Our Science topic for Summer 1 will be 'Living things and their habitats'. We will categorize animals and identify why they are in this animal group. We will study their lifecycles and make comparisons. We will also look at plants and their lifecycles and compare these with animals. During Summer 2 the children will learn about 'Properties and changes of materials'. This will involve investigating and testing materials and grouping them based on their properties, investigating solids and liquids and the changes that occur.

Music: The children will have hymn practice once a week as in previous years and will sing during some of our communal worship sessions. They will have a music lesson with Mrs Ostler once a week.

Computing: We will be looking at animations and the children will create their own animation based on our science topic 'Living things and their habitats'. The children will also be writing their own 'times table rap' which they will be able to record and edit. We will continue to talk about E-Safety each lesson.

R.E This term we will be learning about the Ascension and Pentecost to complete our Easter Topic. Then we will move on to 'How to be a good Muslim' and 'Understanding faith'.

MFL: Y5 will continue to learn French, focusing mainly on speaking and listening.

Art/DT: This term in art we will be looking closely at colour. In Art week we will learn about South Africa and produce art work that links to this Country.