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St Martin's CE
Primary School

Spelling / Handwriting

Each week your child will be sent home with a list of spellings to practise. They will also be able to log into Spelling Shed at home. Your child will also be given a list of words that they need to be able to spell by the end of Year 5. You can use this to practise spelling with your child whenever you have time to spare. Occasionally, your child will be asked to practise some aspect of their handwriting at home too.

Maths/English

Every Monday your child will be given a piece of homework to complete at home. This will be something that they have already covered in class or a reading comprehension activity. If your child completes this activity, can you ensure that they bring it into school by Wednesday the following week.

Don't forget...

Your child will be heard reading every week in school and this will supplement reading activities in lessons. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you could ensure your child brings their reading book into school every day. Your child will normally do P.E. on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that your child brings in their P.E. kit on a Monday. Also, can you check that jewellery is removed on these days.

Year 5 Curriculum Leaflet

Autumn

In this leaflet you will find out about what your child will be learning during this half term and how you can help them at home.

It gives you information about what is going to be taught in all areas of the curriculum in school and suggests some ways in which you can get involved and help out at home.

We see this as a great opportunity for you to share in your child's education.

On the back page you will find further information regarding homework and what to expect each week.

Thank you for your support!

Year 5 Staff

Mr Fudge and Mr Wilkes

The Victorians

Did you know that the Victorians invented many of the things we take for granted today one of their most popular inventions was in fact the toilet!



Our Topic

This term the children will be focusing on the Victorian era. Children will be using this topic to develop other skills across various areas of the curriculum. They will learn about what everyday life was like for a Victorian school child. They will investigate the industrial revolution, thinking about how it shaped Britain today.

In Art and Design lessons, children will produce work inspired by William Morris. They will use their skills in ICT to research Victorian toys and games, which will help the children produce a written comparative text.

RE & PSHE

In RE, children will be hearing a range of stories from the Bible and discussing the meaning of them in order to increase their understanding of Christianity and how these stories can be applied to other situations.

This term, children will also learn about what it is like to be a Jew, studying various aspects of Judaism.

Maths

During this term, we will work on the four operations, developing and consolidating methods of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. In Geometry lessons, we will be learning how to draw accurate reflections and rotations. We will draw lines and shapes that we will measure accurately. In Data and Measure lessons, we will learn how to convert between different units of measurement, whilst recording and displaying data appropriately. We will also begin to apply the skills we have learnt to real life contexts so children can transfer and apply their skills in everyday life.

To help your child develop you could practise multiplication tables with them and number bonds to 20, 100, 1000.

Science

Our topic for Science this half term is the about the materials and changes of properties. We will focus on a variety of materials and comparing their properties. We will also be observing how some materials change when reacting with another.



English

During English lessons, children will be reading the book Cogheart by Peter Bunzl. A number of other texts will be read too, including stories, poems and non-fiction texts. The text is set in Victorian times which aligns itself with our topic. They will be discussing and describing characters whilst also starting to think about their motives. You could help children at home by asking them questions about the book they are reading.

Children will be writing pieces of work including poems, narrative stories and a variety of non-fiction texts.

Children will also be practising forming letters correctly and spelling words from the Year 5 word list correctly. You could help at home by practising handwriting with children and choosing some of the spellings from the Year 5 word list to practise with your child.

Reading

Your child will bring home a reading book to read to you. These books are chosen carefully based on assessments to help your child make the best progress with their reading. We would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read regularly and record brief comments in their reading record to let the teacher know how your child is getting on.

We will continue to encourage reading at home through our Reading Rainbow initiative.

The children will continue to develop reading comprehension skills during English lessons and Reciprocal Reading sessions, where the children read in small supported groups.