



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

To give you a clearer picture of the areas of the curriculum that we are covering this term, we have attached an outline of the subjects that we plan to teach. In addition, we have set out a few reminders that will help the term run smoothly and enable your child to make the best possible progress with their learning.

The expectations for home learning are as follows:

- **Spellings:** Throughout the year, the children will be working through a scheme of work to help learn the different spelling rules. Each week, the children will be given weekly 'Log and Learn' spellings with a test on a Wednesday.
- **Reading:** We expect the children to read for 30 minutes at home every day and record their own comment in their diary (please follow the guidance of page 19 of your child's home learning diary). The children can pick a book to read from the selection available in their classroom (within their ZPD). Once read, they are to complete an Accelerated Reader quiz; a quiz should be completed approximately every two weeks. Diaries will be checked regularly and signed on a Friday.
- **Maths:** Two Century nuggets will be set weekly on a Wednesday. Pupils should now please log into Century using the school Google login found in pupils' home learning diary.

Home learning diaries should be in school every day as they will be checked, referred to and used regularly.

Please ensure that your child adheres to these deadlines, as it is good preparation for Year 6 and secondary school.

As per school policy, children are not required to bring in additional equipment such as pencil cases and backpacks. We will continue to provide each child with the necessary stationery in their school packs. We are keen to promote healthy eating at Whiteknights, and request that children bring a healthy snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only) to eat during morning break. Please refer to the weekly newsletter for regular updates about items permitted in school.

Attendance: We expect children to aim to have 100% attendance at school. Obviously, illness cannot be avoided but if in doubt, please send your child to school and make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.

PE: A PE kit must be in school during the week for the children to wear for these lessons and taken home to be washed after. Trainers must be worn and, during the winter weather, black tracksuit trousers/jogging bottoms and a warm jumper should be included. All pupils must wear a white school PE shirt. These can be purchased from the school office. PE will currently be indoor on Tuesday and outdoor on Wednesday.

Outdoor learning: This term, Year 5 will be continuing their outdoor learning rotation. This will include sport activities, nutritional learning and science lab. Emerald will begin in week two of this half term. Detailed letters will follow shortly.

Home learning project: This half term the children have been set a home learning project to grow their own crystals. They have been asked to do their own research and be as creative as possible. This is all inspired by our science topic of properties of materials. The due date is 20th March.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Gater and Miss Harvey (Year 5 Team)

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Writing	In writing this half term, we will revisit poetry inspired by our class book 'Street Child'. Then we will be exploring non-chronological reports and creating a report from our Science learning about materials.
Maths	This half term in Maths, will be learning about perimeter and area, followed by statistics.
Reading	We are reading Street Child by Berlie Doherty, which is linked to our History unit of the Industrial Revolution.
DT	In DT, we will be learning about the purpose of bridges. Using a design brief, we will become builders and architects to design and create our own bridge for a purpose.
History	We will be learning about the Industrial Revolution, specifically looking at how Reading was affected by it. We will be exploring the three B's of Reading.
Computing	In Computing, we will be learning how to read and interpret data efficiently, organising our own data and creating questions about the data.
Science	This term we will be building on our knowledge of properties of materials. We will be looking at the key question, 'Are all changes in materials irreversible?' and carrying out many experiments to help answer this.
RE	Christianity is our religion for this half term. We will be exploring out key questions of: 'How significant is it for Christians to believe that God intended Jesus to die?'
Latin	We will continue our unit 'Clean and Healthy' this half term. In this unit, our grammatical focus will be adverbs and how to identify their endings in Latin. Additionally, we will be learning about medicine and how Romans stayed clean and healthy.
PE	In indoor PE, we will be learning new Yoga poses and how Yoga can help with flexibility and calming. In outdoor PE, we will explore the sport of Netball by learning to throw, catch and play according to the rules in a team sport.
Connect	In PSHE this half term, we will be exploring how we can connect to others. We will continue to complete tasks from the Knighthood programme throughout this half term.
Music	In Music, we will continue playing the recorder, learning how to improvise using the range of notes we have learnt.