

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See

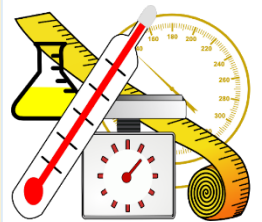


Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good summer. It is so exciting to have everyone back to school and we hope that you and your child are looking forward to the new term.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to use the Herts for Learning materials along with other resources to support our teaching of the Primary Curriculum. Techniques to support learning include partner talk, games, book work, investigations, use of concrete materials and many other techniques. Our maths learning will focus on place value with numbers up to a million and the four different operations and strategies. We will continue to develop mental and more formal written methods of calculation. Times tables will continue to be important this term.



English



In English, our units will include explanations, report writing and rhyming poetry. Children will develop their narrative writing through studying the books 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. While exploring the different writing styles of each genre, we will also continue to extend children's vocabulary through their writing and other activities. We will continue to develop the children's understanding of sentence types and other grammatical structures and how to use them effectively to communicate ideas for a given purpose or audience. This will be done through our writing, but may also take place in standalone grammar lessons.

Our spelling sessions (ESSENTIAL Spelling) are designed to help the children apply patterns, strategies and knowledge to spelling across the curriculum and give individual targeted support where necessary. There will not be a weekly 'test', but activities in specific lessons that can also be supported and reinforced at home. The children will also have regular Guided Reading sessions. It is important that you continue to listen to your child read aloud.

Science

The children will be studying forces and the properties and changes within materials.



Topics and Topic Links

In Year 5, our topic this term is 'Epic Engineering'. We will learn about famous engineers. We will also learn about structures and travel, including train travel and bridges. In Geography, children will develop mapping skills as they map the classroom and school,



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Computing

Our topics in Computing this term will be online safety and coding, using the extensive resources in Purple Mash.



RE

Teachings & Authority Part 1 (Christianity)- Why is the gospel such good news for Christians?

Teachings & Authority Part 2 (Islam)- What does the Qur'an reveal about Allah and his guidance?



PE (Tuesday and Friday)

In PE the children will be working together as teams in OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities) and our other unit will be netball.



Music

We will continue to follow our excellent new music scheme: Charanga.

Art & DT

Our DT lessons focus on food and seasonality. In Art children we will study the work of Lowry.



Home Learning

Year 5 will receive regular homework to consolidate their learning, this will be sent out online. In addition, children will be expected to practice their statutory spellings from the Year 5/ 6 list using the strategies learned in class as well as practicing their timetables using resources such as TT Rockstars. Reading at Home: Reading skills are absolutely vital for all areas of learning. Children should aim to read aloud daily where possible, reading on at least three out of the five weekdays and once at the weekend. Some children who are confident free readers may like to read in their head, but please do still ensure that they read aloud regularly too. Please support us in confirming that your child has read by recording your initials in the KS2 Home/School Organiser each time your child reads independently or to you. Please do talk with your child about their reading, asking them questions about the story. We would appreciate it if you could support us by encouraging children to choose books which provide an element of challenge.

Additional Information

All children should have a named water bottle in school every day. In addition, children are allowed to bring a healthy snack to school to eat during their mid-morning break.

Walking Home: Your child will be able to walk to and from school unaccompanied if you are happy for them to do so. We ask that you email the school office on admin@standrews236.herts.sch.uk, with your permission. If you intend to give your child a mobile phone in case they need to contact you in an emergency on their journey to school, please indicate that this is the case in your email. Phones will be placed in a box on their arrival and kept in a secure cupboard until home time.

Medicines: Please ensure that all medications are in school, in a labelled bag or container and that they are in date. Please ensure that you sign a medical form available in the school office.

Contact with school: If you have anything specific in connection with your child that you would like to discuss, please email or call the school office. I will endeavour to speak with you at the earliest possible opportunity. *Many thanks, Year 5 team ☺*

