



I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. This term we are focusing on our topic 'Ancient Civilisations', linked to our History work. This will include looking at the earliest civilisations and empires, linking back to our previous learning on Queen Victoria. We will also focus on Ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley.

English:

In English, we will be looking at the focus question 'How can we use subject specific vocabulary to write with a formal tone?'. With this learning, we will create formal non-chronological reports based on an island which we can also link our previous Geography knowledge to.

Later in the term, we will be creating a bank of high quality vocabulary through a poetry topic, ready to write a 'finding tale' where a character will find a mysterious object!

One of our new class books has been 'Varjak Paw'. This forms a great portion of our reading scheme we are using in order to ensure we are all fluent, confident readers, with a range of comprehension skills in order to answer questions about a text.

We have five guided reading sessions each week, focusing on the VIPERS, vocabulary, inference, predict, explain, retrieve and summarise/sequence.

Maths:

This term we will focus on decimals, money, time, shape, statistics and position and direction.

- Comparing, ordering and rounding decimals
- Comparing, estimating and converting money
- Years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds
- Converting time
- Angles and lines of symmetry
- Plotting co-ordinates



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What else are we covering this half term?

Science: Electrical Circuits and Conductors

RE: People who inspire us and Kingdom of God

Computing: Creating Media (Photo Editing) and Programming – Events and actions in programs

D&T: Tomb Builders

Music: Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics and Samba and carnival sounds

French: Opinions

History: Ancient Civilisations

PSHE: Looking after our world, fire safety and computer safety

Art: Statues, Statuettes, Figurines

PE: Our PE lessons focusing on 'Movement Skills and Athletics and Net and Wall games, will be on a Monday and a Wednesday.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in weather-appropriate PE kit on these days with a school jumper/cardigan over the top. Hair must be tied back and earrings covered or removed.

HELP REQUIRED!

We would be very grateful if anyone would like to come in and listen to readers. Please speak to a class teacher and let them know of your availability.
Thank you!

Homework

- ❖ I would like your child to read at home at least 4 times a week. Please make a brief note or sign in your child's planner each time you have listened to them read.
- ❖ I will check planners each day. Your child will be allocated a book to read based on their current ZPD score.
- ❖ Your child will also receive a list of spellings each Friday focusing on spelling patterns we will have been learning that week. Please practice these at home ready for a test the following Friday.
- ❖ Finally, your child will also be set TTRS (times table rockstars) homework which will give them the opportunity to practice their fluency and recall of multiplication and division facts.

Thank you for all your support. Please let me know if you have any questions – our class email address is deer@stamfordbridgeschool.co.uk

Thank you,

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