

Upper 5 Update

Dear Parents,

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home.

What we will do in school...

Science: This term, our topic is 'Food Factory'. We will be looking at where different foods come from, identifying the categories plants or animals. We will look in detail at some foods and how they reach the supermarket shelves from growing to factory.

English: Our topic this term is 'Fantastic Creatures'. We will study the book 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief', exploring the Greek mythology and the adventures of a young boy at school. We will cover work on the key themes and characters in the book and compare the differences in the film adaptation. We will also be developing our communication within class sessions with the speech and language team and throughout all opportunities during the school day and in the community.

Cooking: We will continue to make our own lunches once a week for students to develop their life skills in looking after themselves and becoming more independent. This term we will begin with a variety of sandwiches, paninis and toasties and then progress to a variety of instant meals that are easy to prepare. Students will follow shopping lists and purchase items.

Humanities: This term our topic is The British Empire. We will explore different countries that were part of the Empire including Australia, India and America. We will look at the East India Company and the American war of independence. We will also look in closer detail at the Boston Tea Party.

Maths: Students will be looking at Time by recognising events, using the 12 hour and 24 hour, analogue and digital clocks..We will be transferring number skills to real life situations, using shopping lists, budgeting, purchasing, checking change and receipts, using time in the community and using number in daily tasks.

What you could do together at home...

Your YP could look at different foods you have in the kitchen and identify where they come from. Look at food storage, whether foods are stored in the fridge, freezer or cupboards. Encourage your YP to look at packaging and where it originated. Encourage your YP to look at items during your supermarket shop and become familiar with the different areas of the store. Talk about the ingredients in your meals at home.

Encourage your YP by asking them about what is happening in 'Percy Jackson'. Look at the book at home, look for information on the internet. Research Greek mythical creatures. Encourage daily communication skills with all life skills such as shopping, jobs in the home and discuss current issues on the News.

Let your YP develop their independent skills in the home, perhaps by making you a cup of tea and helping with the dinner, washing and drying up, help collect items in the supermarket.

Look at information you can research on the internet or at your local library on The British Empire. Talk about different countries that were part of the British Empire. Look at Maps or identify these countries in an Atlas at home.

Give your YP items to find on the shopping list. Can they find a cheaper alternative on the shelf? Encourage them to practice paying and waiting for change in shops. Discuss everything you have to pay for at home e.g. gas, electric, water bills, council tax, insurance, TV licence, phone, internet, food. Model time throughout the day. Use watches and clocks at home.

PSHE: We will continue to look at the changes in our body during puberty, the importance of understanding private and public and looking after ourselves. We will continue to develop our well-being and self esteem. We will look at respecting our differences, strengths and weaknesses. We will develop confidence in asking for help and managing stressful situations.



Encourage your YP by talking about growing up and having more responsibilities. Discuss current issues on the News. Do you have any rules at home? Discuss rules and consequences of breaking these. Identify leisure activities you do at home which help to develop self-esteem and well-being.



PE / Swimming

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts, jogging trousers, T-shirt and deodorant) in a bag every Tuesday. We are also swimming the first half term on Thursdays. Please send in a swim kit (towel, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant) every Thursday until half term. PE and Swimming is also an opportunity to teach personal hygiene routines and more independence skills.



Please send in deodorant for your YP to use after PE. Please send in Shower gel, shampoo and deodorant for after swimming.



We will write in your child's home school book every week so you know what your child has been doing and how they have been. We will put letters in your home school book. So please look through it every day.

Please write to us regarding how your child has been at home and if you have any concerns, also inform us of any information that you think we should be aware of such as illnesses, eating and sleep patterns or achievements and progress that your child has made and what they have been up to over the weekend.



If there is anything I can help you with or if you have any concerns or questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

Katie