

Upper 5 Group Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a good holiday.

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 their learning at home.

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

English

We will be looking at the topic of autobiography and reading *My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell.

Giving your child as many opportunities to read as possible, particularly in real-life situations, would be helpful.

Maths

In our Maths lessons we will be working in two groups. One group will be focusing on Number skills, particularly addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The other will be looking at angles and construction of shapes. Once a week we will be having a Functional Maths lesson.

Giving your child the opportunity to use money regularly in a variety of contexts would be helpful. Also it would be useful if they could manage their own pocket money, in order to begin developing budgeting skills.

ICT

We will be studying a topic called Bizarre Facts which focuses on evaluating how reliable different websites are.

Supporting the use of ICT in any context would be helpful. For some this could be mobile phones, for others it could be internet shopping and accessing other forms of ICT in the community.

Humanities

Our focus this term is People and Protest. We will be finding out about different protest movements through the ages, from the Levellers and Luddites through to the Miner's Strike.

Talking to your child about the work they have been doing in class would be helpful.

Science

Our topic this term is Body Systems. We will be finding out about different organ systems in the body and considering their function and how they work.

Discussing your child's Science lessons with them would be helpful.

PSHE

We will be learning about Community and Identity. We will be thinking about different definitions for both these things and the students will consider the communities they belong to and how they view their identity.



Discussing your child's work with them would be helpful, including answering any questions they may think of outside of school.

PE - every Friday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts or jogging trousers, T-shirt and appropriate footwear) and deodorant in a bag to change into for the session.

Independent Travel and Community Skills - every other Monday

Every other Monday students will undertake Independent Travel Training and Community Skills activities in small groups. They will need to bring their bus pass, or money for bus fare, along with money for a drink if they would like to buy one when they are out.



Home-School Book

We will write in the home-school book to let you know about anything non-routine and will also send a newsletter home at the end of each week. We encourage the students to be responsible for handing in and taking home their own home-school books, so please let them know if there is a particular reason they need to hand it in to us.

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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