

## English



In English this half-term, the children will be writing 'Hard news reports'. The children will read a range of hard news reports and compare the features, before practising using these in their writing. By the end of the half term, they will have chosen a topic and presented it in a newspaper.

**Suggestions of ways you can support your child's English:** Read a range of newspaper articles from a variety of news papers. Discuss the themes and features. Discuss ideas for a 'hard hitting' news story.

## Science



Our science topic for this half-term is living things and their habitats. The children will study the life cycle of various living things and their habitats. They will also dissect flowers and identify the parts.

### Extra Information

**PE:** Will be on a Monday and a Wednesday for all children

**Water Bottles:** Please ensure that your child brings sufficient water for the whole school day. If this is a shop bought bottle, please ensure that this is clearly labelled with your child's name.

**Merits:** All merits will be awarded on a Wednesday for behaviour, reading and homework. Please encourage your child to bring in their reading records everyday so any other merits can be given.

**Homework:** Spellings are set on Google Classroom. Please ensure children are completing at least 1 hours worth of TTRS **per week**. Please also ensure children complete the 'Quick 5' activities sent home.

## Year 5 Learning Overview Spring 1



### Trips and Experiences

We are lucky to provide the children with the opportunity to visit Thameside, who are part of the Essex Wildlife Trust. The purpose of this visit is to explore and discuss adaptations and how animals survive in woodlands. Further details of this will be sent to you via ParentMail.

The children will also get the opportunity to visit the O2 as part of Young Voices on the 5<sup>th</sup> February to perform alongside other schools as part of a choir.

## Maths



In Maths this half-term, the children will study area and perimeter. They will then move on to learning about fractions where the children will compare and order fractions, identify equivalent fractions and recognise mixed and improper fractions. Finally, the children will learn about decimals and percentages.

**Suggestions of ways you can support your child's Maths:** Please ensure children are completing 1 hour of practice on TTRS per week. Please also encourage children to find fractions at home (e.g. with pizza)

## History/ Geography



Our history and geography topic this half-term is Rivers. The children will at the water cycle, the journey of a river, identify major rivers in the world. They will also study how the River Thames is used and how we can prevent flooding.



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