



Y4/5 Curriculum Information

Autumn Term 2020



Welcome to our new class of Year 4/5. Although we are experiencing unprecedented times and having to make some temporary changes to the way we conduct our learning - it is still wonderful to be here at Great Wood and be back in school with the children.

For more information on the return to school please visit the school website and look out for the very informative and colourful newsletters – www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Please find below a brief outline of our learning, which we will be enjoying throughout the coming term. Please note, that the list is a summary and is subject to change over the course of the term. It does, however, offer a little information to enable you to further support your child's learning.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me



Literacy

In our Literacy lessons this term, we will be focusing on developing reading and writing skills through a variety of learning opportunities. Children will learn a range of genres including; diaries, recounts and traditional stories, as well as various forms of poetry.

During Guided Reading sessions, shared reading in class and individual reading, your child will be taught the skills that enable them to access appropriately levelled texts independently; developing fluency; understanding of an increasing range of vocabulary; how to ask and answer questions using evidence from the text; make predictions and inferences from the character's actions and the events; recognising facts and opinions and summarising the main points in a text.

Spelling rules and common exception words will be taught in discrete sessions each week and revised and reviewed during the children's independent work. A list of spellings that comply with the week's rule will be sent home each Friday, for children to practise prior to a weekly test on the following Friday.

Grammar interventions will be led by Mrs. Buckley, who will work with children that require additional support, or extra challenge.

Mathematics

KS2 Children will continue to develop their skills in a range of mathematical areas, including the four main operations, problem solving, fractions, decimals and percentages, shape and measures. This will be followed by collecting and interpreting data in various forms. During the term children will develop their knowledge, confidence and understanding of number work within 10,000; the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, applying these to solving word problems; position and direction; shapes including angles; presenting and interpreting data; fractions and measurement, including time and using money.

Please see the homework section for details on when it is set. **In addition to homework, the children should be encouraged to learn their times tables.** Children will generate their own targets, with teacher input, on how to make the next steps to progress.

Problem solving is a key focus, your child needs to apply their knowledge and this can be practised in real life situations, when shopping (addition, totals, percentages), weighing out ingredients, telling time and using knowledge of time to plan cooking times, measuring for DIY projects! Have a go and see where you use maths every day.

Mathematical Interventions will be led by Ms. York and Mr. Rhead. These groups will focus on supporting arithmetic and reasoning skills.

Homework

A piece of Mathematics and a piece of Literacy, or Science/Topic work will be sent home on a Friday night to be returned to school the following week on Monday. This gives the children a full week and two weekends in which to complete their work. The homework will reflect some of the learning taking place in class and enables the children to practise and consolidate their skills, independently. We also expect the children to read at home on a regular basis and practise their times tables.

Intervention Groups will also be issuing homework, to support their learning and the deadlines for these are set by the team member leading the intervention group. The hand in dates may be shorter than the class homework deadlines.

Please help and encourage your child to complete their homework to support our learning in school.

There are lots of resources on Espresso to help children with their learning – go to <https://online.espresso.co.uk> and type the school's username student28055 and the password forest.

The Oak National Academy is still providing lessons that cover all curriculum areas, these can be used for revision and to support pupils at home.

Weekly spellings that help the children to learn and practise key spelling rules will also be set on a weekly basis.

Science

In our science lessons the children will use their observation and analytical skills to investigate topics that connect to the world around them. Our first topic will be 'Living Things'. This topic teaches the children to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. They explore and use keys to identify and name a variety of living things. Finally, they look at how changes to habitats can pose dangers to living things. The second topic of the Autumn Term is 'Looking at States'. Children will learn about states of matter. They will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids, or gases. They will observe that some materials change state when heated, or cooled and they will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

Computing

During the first part of the Autumn Term, the children will continue to develop their understanding of E-Safety; covering areas such as safe and effective searches, plagiarism, staying safe online and the dangers of instant messaging. In the second part of the term, they will build upon existing skills to complete a PowerPoint presentation project.

Wider Curriculum

Studying Geography in the first half of the term, children will learn about 'The Americas'. In this unit the children travel the North and South American continents and distinguish between the terms 'continent', 'region', 'country', 'state' and 'city' along the journey. Finding and using images and maps on the internet and in atlases, children will make notes on cities and record their countries and/or states. They will compare the built environments and settings of the cities and, through them, identify some key regions of the American continents. As part of our History learning in Autumn Term 2, we will be looking at 'The Ancient Egyptians'. In this unit, the children will explore who the Ancient Egyptians were, what they did and discuss whether Ancient Egypt deserves its reputation as one of the most important early civilisations. In Art this term, we will be studying the work of L.S. Lowry. Children will spend time developing sketching techniques, using different media and experimenting with colour, line, texture and tone. Within Design and Technology, the children will be learning to create Kites; exploring how structures can be made, designing and making, as well as testing and evaluating.

PSHE

During this lesson we discuss the social and emotional aspects of learning, which affect our everyday lives. Throughout the term, we will also explore, debate and discuss various current issues including bullying, self-awareness, Health & Safety and our importance in the Community.

Music

The music units are delivered by our musical expert Mr. Andrew Chapman.



Modern Foreign Language

On a Wednesday morning, Mr Day, a TMPF teacher, will be joining us to develop our bilingual skills by teaching us Spanish!

Religious Education

During RE sessions we will be learning about 'How do people express their faith through the Arts?' and exploring the Christian faith through developing a better understanding of God as The Trinity.

Physical Education

The children will have 2 hours of PE a week.

| | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| Year 4/5 | Invasion Games Mr. Day | Gymnastics ASM |



Could you please ensure your child is wearing the appropriate outdoor PE kit for this time of year, this should include trainers; shorts and a Great Wood t-shirt, jogging bottoms and warm tops.

Many thanks for your continued support as we establish new routines and keep up with the guidance and information we receive.

If you have any questions about the information above, or any other issues that are concerning you, please ring to make a telephone appointment on 01538 702355 option 4.

Take care and keep safe,

Mrs. Shaw