

Dear Parents / Carers,

This term we will be transformed into detectives to explore our local area and beyond!

I am very excited to reveal that our topic this term will be *Street Detectives*. We will be investigating our local area, community and beyond, including map making, the *Great Fire of London* and everyday materials.



The homework will continue to be set in the format of a bingo card so the children can continue to choose their task on a weekly basis. Homework should be brought into school by Wednesday and books will be returned on Friday. MyMaths will be used for maths homework, this may not be every week as it will coincide with the learning in school. We will begin to learn times tables this year, mainly focusing in the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables, so any practise at home will benefit the children, this could be in the form of rote calls, singing and games. The children will be given a log in for TT Rockstars which is a great game for developing their times tables. For English homework, the children should continue to practise spellings for the weekly test on a Thursday. Children should continue to read at least 3 times a week with an adult and continue to play Reading Eggs as much as possible. If there are any difficulties with children accessing online games at home, please get in contact and I can allocate them time to play in school.

Below I will briefly outline what will be covered in the different subjects over the course of the term and suggest some ways in which the children could be supported.

Subject	Overview	Possible home support
English	English this term will include poetry, diary writing about the <i>Great Fire of London</i> , story writing and letter writing to persuade.	Regular reading is incredibly important at this time. Reading with an adult at least 3 times a week will support the children not only in developing reading skills but also spelling and writing inspiration. The homework pack will include a range of questions to ask the children when reading to develop their understanding of the text. Useful Websites: www.readingeggs.co.uk https://play.edshed.com/login www.topmarks.co.uk www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS1)

<p>Maths</p>	<p>In maths, we will cover a range of topics including place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and time.</p> <p>We will also be concentrating on developing our fluency in the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables.</p>	<p>The key to success in maths is repetition and practise. Any exposure to these mathematical concepts will help the children be successful. This could include accessing online games and real-life applications (such as telling the time as much as possible throughout the day).</p> <p>Useful Websites: www.topmarks.co.uk https://play.ttrockstars.com/ www.mymaths.co.uk</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>In science, we will be investigating everyday materials and how they are used. We will be conducting experiments to discover their properties, uses and limitations.</p> <p>After half term, we will be learning about the environment and the changes that are happening due to climate change, recycling and energy use with a particular focus on our local area.</p>	<p>As part of our topic, we will be looking at materials with a particular focus on buildings and structures in our local area. It would help the children to have a familiarity with Frinton and some of the structures within the town.</p> <p>When we move onto our environment investigation. The children would benefit from applying their learning by helping with recycling and being aware of energy uses in the home.</p> <p>Useful Websites: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS1) www.theschoolrun.com</p>
<p>Geography</p>	<p>This term we will be really focusing on geography, developing our knowledge and geographical skills. We will start by looking worldwide before focusing in on our local area. The children will be learning the names of continents, countries and seas before making maps of our school and town.</p>	<p>Practising their knowledge of continents, seas and countries will help the children feel confident. There are lots of songs on YouTube to help with this. Also looking at our local area, perhaps when walking in your town you could discuss key features, why people might live there and the coast.</p> <p>Useful websites: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS1) www.natgeokids.com</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>Our history topic will be The Great Fire of London. The children will learn about how the fire started, the response and the impact. The children will use Samuel Pepys as an inspiration for their own diary writing in English.</p>	<p>Discussing this historical event with the children will encourage them to think critically and ask their own questions to develop their historical investigation skills.</p> <p>Useful websites: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS1) https://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/</p>

<p>PE</p>	<p>For the first half term we will develop skills and play a team sport so the children can develop their skills in tactics, strategy and teamwork.</p> <p>In the second half term we will be focusing dance and relate it to national events and holidays, such as Diwali and the Gun Powder Plot.</p>	<p>Any sort of participation in sports clubs, either in or out of school, would be very useful for the children.</p> <p>Physical exercise is extremely important for our well-being and is beneficial for the children's development regardless of the form it takes.</p> <p>Useful Videos: Cosmic Kids Yoga Joe Wicks Kids Workout</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>This term our e-safety focus will be 'My Online Life' which will focus on e-safety by developing awareness and skills to stay safe online.</p> <p>We will also complete a topic that will see the children making their own computer game using coding.</p>	<p>E-safety is highly important in the modern world and any advice that the children receive is of great use and will help keep them safe online.</p> <p>Useful Websites: www.saferinternet.org.uk www.hourofcode.com www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (select KS1) https://www.nhs.uk/change4life</p>
<p>Art and DT</p>	<p>The children will be completing 2 large projects in DT this term. The first is to create a moving book to tell the story of The Three Little Pigs.</p> <p>The second will be using the information they gather in their geography investigation to make a model Frinton.</p>	<p>Children love books that are interactive. Exploring as many books like this as possible will help the children understand the mechanisms and inspire their projects.</p> <p>Once again, being familiar with Frinton will help their in-school learning and projects.</p>

We can't wait to become detectives and see where our investigations take us!

Kindest regards,

Miss Guest and Mrs Goodger

