



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	In English, the children will be encouraged to learn and write through a range of fiction texts, including <i>The 1,000-Year-Old Boy</i> by Ross Welford. The children will write their own versions of familiar narratives, with a particular focus on writing to entertain and to inform. During this half term, they will explore a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts and build greater confidence in answering comprehension questions. Daily spelling lessons will support them in learning new spelling patterns and will also cover the Year 5 and 6 statutory spelling words.	• Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week. • Read your child a book on a night. Promote a love of reading. • Encourage your child to seize as many writing opportunities as possible.
Maths	In Maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of fractions, decimals, and percentages. They will also build on their reasoning and problem-solving skills to gain a deeper understanding of number and the role of calculations in working with numbers.	• Continue to revise times tables up to 12x. • Complete the White Rose Infinity quizzes – use the QR codes provided to access the quizzes.
Science	In Science, pupils will be investigating the topic of Living Things and Their Life Cycles. In this unit, they will learn about different life cycles and the reproduction of both plants and animal species.	• Research different animal habitats with your child.
History	In History, the children will explore the Mayans! They will learn about the ancient Maya civilisation, focusing on their society, religion, achievements in science and math, and famous cities like Tikal and Chichen Itza. They will then focus on the eventual fall of the Maya civilisation.	• Research the Mayans at home and share any interesting facts with your friends at school.
PE	In PE, we will be focusing on athletics. The class will participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons concentrating on a specific skill each lesson. We will be aiming to develop the fundamental skills from each lesson.	• Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise.
Art	In Art, the children will create a still life slab sculpture, exploring how scale, colour, and texture can be used to emphasise key elements. They will learn how different imprinting and patterning techniques can enhance or detract from the overall impact of their work	• Research still life slabs and practise these skills at home!

DT	In this unit, pupils design a moving toy using, learning how to incorporate axles to enable rotation and movement. They explore how mechanical components work together and apply this knowledge to create a functional digital model.	Research, design and make your own toy at home!
Latin	In Latin, the children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of Latin as their chosen foreign language. This term, they will focus on learning about possessive nouns.	Ask children which new Latin words they have learnt that week.
Computer Science and IT	In Computing, the children learn how to use the "If... Then... Else" structure to make decisions in programs based on conditions. They apply this by designing and creating an interactive quiz in Scratch that responds differently depending on user input.	Practise using Scratch at home!
Online Safety	In Online Safety lessons, the children will begin to evaluate digital content and explain how to make choices about what online content is trustworthy.	Talk to your child about Online Safety and the rules in your home.
Personal, Social and Health Education	In this PSHE unit, the children will learn about the importance of mental well-being and how to recognise and talk about their feelings. They explore practical strategies to support good mental health and understand where to go for help when needed.	Discuss what you have learnt at home with your family.
Virtue	Within school we have 6 virtues: fairness, kindness, bravery, respect, coolness and stickability which are all interwoven through our curriculum and, policies and every day practice. Our virtue for this half term is fairness	Discuss what fairness looks like in day to day scenarios.