



Akrotiri School

Y5

Mrs Ashford & Mrs Roberts
Spring Term 2 - Information Guide 2018

Our learning this term - Our topic is 'The Tudor Times'.

English – This half term we will be focussing on writing non-chronological reports. This will involve learning how to use a range of cohesive devices to enable children to structure their writing more effectively. They will also be learning how to make their writing more varied and entertaining by using a range of different sentence structures and grammatical features, including modal verbs, relative clauses and parenthesis.

Maths – This half term we will be continuing to develop children's understanding of calculation through the use of formal written methods for multiplication and division. Children will use short multiplication and division to multiply and divide numbers up to 4-digits by a single digit number and long multiplication to multiply number by a 2-digit number. They will be learning how to calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles and compound shapes, and using this to solve a range of problems. Children will further develop their understanding of equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions.

History/Geography – We will be continuing to study the Tudor period in British history. We will look at what life was actually like at all levels of society, what fashion was like during that period in history, key developments in medicine and disease as well as looking closely at the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

ENRICHMENT and ENGAGEMENT:

We have a wide range of exciting additional learning opportunities planned for this half term to further enhance and enrich our curriculum. The children will be making kites and cooking tahini pies as part of our Green Monday celebrations. As part of our RAF 100 celebrations, the children of Year 5 will be participating in a special STEM day where they will complete a range of science and technology challenges along with children from Episkopi School. During the last week of this term, we will be holding a Science week where we will have the opportunity to learn how science is used to help solve crimes. We will also be welcoming the children from Erimi School to visit us at Akrotiri and complete some more joint art work based on 'Spanos and the Forty Dragons'.

READING:

Reading regularly at home is crucial to ensuring children's progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 5 is that the children read at least four times a week at home, for a minimum of one hour in total. It is important that your child's reading book and reading diary come into school **every day**.

The children need to use their reading diary to keep a record of their reading. Each week there is a space for a 'reading reflection'. Reading diaries will be monitored weekly by Mrs Ashford and Mrs Roberts.

The reading diary also includes a section each week for any additional notes regarding homework, reminders for the children, as well as a space for parents to communicate messages to the teachers. If there ever is a message for us, please can you ask your child to hand the diary directly to either Mrs Ashford or Mrs Roberts.

Our focus text this half term will continue to be the novel 'Children of Winter' by Berlie Doherty. We will be using the text to identify key grammar features, deepen the level of children's responses in addition to exploring effective story settings. We will also be developing our inference and deduction skills to identify historical details.

HOMEWORK: A new homework sheet with a range of activities linking to this term's learning theme will be provided. Homework books will be sent home on a Friday and should be brought into school on a weekly basis when completed. My Maths will also be set on a regular basis.

SPELLING:

A spelling list will be sent home each Monday and tested the following Monday. We ask that you support your child at home also (to promote the importance of accurate spelling.) We are focussing on Year 5 spellings from the National Curriculum but children may be set other spellings.

MENTAL MATHS FOCUS

In class we are trying to focus on children's general arithmetic and wider problem solving skills. Times tables and rapid recall of facts will be a main focus as these permeate all maths topics. Please continue to practise these skills at home.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: Every Monday and Friday.

French: Lessons will continue this half-term.