



Akrotiri School



Year 5

Australia Class (Mrs Ashford) and Fiji Class (Mr McKenna)
Summer 2 2021 - Information Guide

English: We will begin this half term by identifying the key features of persuasive writing. We will then use our understanding of emotive language, rhetorical questions and how to create a strong argument to write persuasive letters. We will then move a unit on biographies where we will research and write a biography on an influential scientist linked to forces.

Maths: We will be focusing on describing and drawing shapes in different positions on a grid and plotting the corresponding co-ordinates. We will then learn how a shape can translate (move) into a new position, identify lines of symmetry and rotate shapes into new positions. We will also revise how many metres are in a kilometre and use this knowledge to help us convert other metric units of measurement, including converting units of time and introducing children to imperial units of measurement. Our final unit will focus on estimating and calculating volume.

Science: Our science unit this half term will focus on forces where we will be identifying the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will also be exploring the force of gravity and looking at a range of different mechanisms.

Design Technology: We will be researching the Tudor dish of pottage. The children will then have the opportunity to design and make their own version.

History: We will be continuing our study of the Tudor period particularly focusing on the typical crimes that would have been committed and the specific punishments that would have been received during that period.

Visits and enrichment

Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 restrictions we are not able to run the DARE project in Year 5 this year. This will now move to Year 6 to ensure that the children do not miss out on this valuable PSHE learning experience where they learn a range of strategies to deal with challenging situations they may face as they grow up. We are hoping to be able to arrange a visit to Avagas Gorge this half term. Further details to follow.

FOREST SCHOOL

Due to the extremely hot weather, we have amended our forest school timetable for this half term.

Fiji: Tuesday 22nd June, Tuesday 6th July and Tuesday 13th July.

Australia: Wednesday 23rd June, Wednesday 7th July and Tuesday 13th July.

Home learning Home learning will continue to be linked to the learning we are doing in class each week in English and maths. This will be sent home on a Friday and expected back on the following Wednesday.

Spelling We have changed our approach to spelling this term. We will now be teaching spelling daily in school focusing on a specific spelling pattern or rule each week. Your child will bring home individual spellings linked to the rule for that week in their log book to practise. This will not be in the form of a list of 10 words but words that they have found tricky during the week. The log book must come to school every day.

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 three 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 and their reading reflections. Please ensure children complete an Accelerated Reader quiz once they have finished reading a book. The quiz can be completed at home Monday to Friday. If you would like a copy of your child's log in details then please just let us know.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: PE days for Year 5 are **Monday** and **Wednesday**

Library Day: All children in Year 5 will visit the library every week on a Thursday. Please ensure library books are in school on this day.

TT Rockstars: Please encourage your child to practise daily.