

Together we will master...reading:

- This term we are reading The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf.
- We will explore vocabulary and word meaning.
- We will discuss authors use of language and practise retrieval skills.

Together we will master...writing:

This half term we will be...

- Describing settings
- Creating poems
- Adding dialogue to stories
- Creating biased arguments

We will be learning how to use parenthesis, relative clauses and modal verbs.

Together we will master...maths:

- Exploring different methods to multiply numbers
- Finding common factors
- Dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000
- Finding prime numbers
- Square numbers and cube numbers

Together we will master...science:

- To understand forces.
- Explore gravity, resistance and friction.
- To learn about gravity.
- To explore how pulleys and levers convert force.

Together we will master....MFL:

- Developing our understanding of speaking and listening activities based around months and days.
- To learn numbers to 31 and use these when talking about dates of birth.

Together we will master...music:

- Listening, appraising, composing, performing.
- Looking at a range of Jazz music.

**Year 5
Autumn Term 2**

Together we will master...RE:

- Investigating key questions about the Christmas story.
- Consider different points of view of the Christmas story!

Together we will master...PSHE:

- Understanding cultural differences.
- Understanding what racism is.
- Discussing rumour-spreading and name-calling as bullying behaviour.
- Explaining the difference between direct and indirect bullying.

What can you do to support your child?

- Practise times tables/ weekly spellings
- Read with your child every day
- Ask children questions about the book they have been reading
- Encourage usage of Times Table Rockstars, Bug Club, Reading Plus and Purple Mash.

Together we will master...Computing

- To learn about databases, their uses and how to use them.

Together we will master...DT:

- Explaining why pulleys are useful
- Designing, making and evaluating products

Together we will master...PE:

- Practising and developing badminton skills in order to play a match.

Together we will master....geography:

- To understand the water cycle.
- Locate the worlds major rivers.
- Understanding why rivers are important.
- Learning the impact floods have.

Year 5 routines:

- **Homework** – Times tables and spelling homework every week.
- **Spellings** – these will be given every Monday and tested the following Monday.
- **Home reading** – every child will have a school reading book, in a Griffin book bag which must come into school every Friday and will be sent home on a Monday.
- **Purple Mash** – Children all have a personal log-in which allows them to access a range of learning activities at home.
- **Times Table Rockstars** - Children have their own log-in for this, allowing them to practise their tables at home.
- **Bug Club** - Children have their own log-in for this program allowing them to practise their reading skills at home.
- **Reading Plus** - Children have their own log-in for this program allowing them to practise their reading skills/speed at home.
- **Water bottles** – Please ensure your child has a **clear water bottle, containing only water** in school every day. This must be taken home every evening to be washed and re-filled.
- **PE** - is on Wednesday (5NK) and Friday (5DG). Children will need to come to school in a suitable PE kit. Please ensure children are wearing suitable footwear. Long hair must be tied back, and jewellery removed (no earring should be worn for PE).

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