

Cunningham Hill Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Y5 Spring Term Curriculum Letter

We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and would like to wish you a Happy New Year. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for the lovely gifts, cards and good wishes at the end of last term. We are now looking forward to an interesting, rewarding and fun Spring term!

Equipment

We would like to remind parents that children must be properly equipped for school at all times. A fully equipped pencil case with black or blue friction roller ball pen and a P.E. kit with appropriate, **labelled** sportswear both help to avoid a lot of disruption.

Homework & Planner

We strongly believe that completing the expected homework tasks has an extremely positive impact on the children's learning.

Your child should read for 15 minutes at least 5 times a week and this should involve discussion of the text and comprehension style questioning. The reading should also be recorded in your child's yellow planner. Children are expected to continue their quick recall of times tables and mental maths facts. This can be through use of online programmes the school has subscribed to, such as **Numbergym**, as well as other methods.

A weekly **compulsory** Maths homework task will be set, which reflects the work they have been completing in class. This will be either on MyMaths or on a printed sheet. Paper copies will be given to those children who do not have access to a computer at home.

An **optional** homework grid will be provided, with a range of tasks to compliment and extend classroom learning. Please ensure homework books are brought into school so this grid can be added.

Children should have their **planners, reading books, and homework books in school every day**. Planners may also be used as a further means of communication between home and school. We would urge parents to sign the planners every week to be checked in school on a Friday morning. However, if you have a pressing message, please feel free to write it in the planner and ask your child to give it directly to us. This is an important part of their organisational skills and prepares them for moving on to secondary school.

Spring Curriculum

Ongoing Literacy and Maths plans are available on the School website.

Science	Forces Properties and changes of materials. Scientific Enquiry
R.E	Judaism and Christianity – Beliefs and practices Sources of wisdom
Music	Singing songs from West Africa and playing the djembe Composing songs and raps using Garageband
Geography	Local area study
History	Crime and Punishment (Life since 1066)
Computing	Concept mapping and Online Safety
Art	Street Art
D&T	Design and make bread (Skills Builder project)
P.E	Sportshall Athletics, Netball, Gymnastics

PSHE Dreams and Goals & Healthy Me
French My Home & What's the Date?

Visits and Trips

Fri 14 th Jan	Synagogue Trip
Fri 11 th Feb	Odyssey Trip (refixed from Christmas. All children require a packed lunch)
Thu 10 th Mar	Parent Partners - 9am (<i>this is an additional date to the newsletter</i>)
Fri 1 st Apr	Chill Out (morning only, usual lunch arrangements apply)
Dates tbc	Fleetville Local Study Trip St Albans Courtroom visit – History on Trial

Residential Trip

Year 5 are going on their residential trip to Kingswood (May 25th – May 27th).
A letter has been sent out with all the details. If you did not attend the meeting and still have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us or contact us through the school office.

Here's to an exciting term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Ms Dickinson, Mrs Goodwin & Ms Lusby