

MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**PARENTS' TERMLY NEWSLETTER FOR CLASS 7 AND 8 – Autumn Term**

We hope you will find the following information useful in understanding the work we will be covering with your child this term. We look forward to a successful year for everyone.

SUBJECT	WORK TO BE COVERED
LITERACY	The children will be developing their reading skills and comprehension skills using a range of genres including stories, play scripts, report writing, narratives. They will also be developing their writing abilities by learning how to use a range of punctuation correctly such as exclamation marks, question marks and speech marks. They will also be working on their use of language and powerful vocabulary.
NUMERACY	The children will be consolidating their times table knowledge and developing their understanding of the four operations, place value, fractions, measure, shape and solving problems (with a focus on the Bar Method).
SCIENCE	The children will be learning about 'Forces & magnets' and 'Rocks and Soils'. As part of these units the children will learn how to set up experiments to test out there ideas and establish what makes a test fair.
TOPIC	The theme for this term is 'British Artists'. The children will be creating art in the style of different artists. They will also be looking at painting from the 14 th Century and this will be linked to our history topic.
HISTORY	This term we are looking at early Britons and settlers including the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages. There will also be a link to Celtic art (see art and ICT).
ICT	The children will be creating their own algorithms using a programme called 'Scratch'. Creating their own live stories linked to what they have learnt in their History lessons.
D.T	This term the children will be learning how to make picture frames using a range of techniques including sawing, joining wood, starting to use drills and vices.
ART	The children will be investigating how shape and colour can be organised and combined to create patterns for different purposes.
R.E	This term the children will be finding out about the religions that are represented in their neighbourhoods. They will also be looking at symbolism in religions with a focus on Christianity.
P.E	The children will be learning dribbling and kicking skills as part of 'Invasion Games'. They will also be completing a dance unit whereby they will be translating a story into movements.
MUSIC	The children will be learning about tone and pitch during regular singing assemblies. Next term the children will be learning how to play the recorder.
CPSHE	The children will be learning about new beginnings and how to set their own personal goals to better themselves.
CLASS TRIP	During trips week we are hoping to visit the British Museum and we are linking this to our history topic.
HOME SUPPORT SUGGESTIONS	Please ensure that your child completes five minutes daily from the '5 a Day' mental Maths book. Please also practice times tables. By the end of year 3, all children are expected to know all their x2, x3, x4, x5, x8, x10 times tables. Please also encourage your child to tell the time to the nearest 5 minute interval (minutes past and minutes to the hour). Look at food and drink packets that you have at home. How heavy is a kilogram? How heavy does a KG feel? How many millilitres in a litre etc. Try and read with your child for ten minutes each day. In order to learn successfully children need to complete their homework as independently as possible on a regular basis – this is to be handed in on a Wednesday. It is also really important that they attend school on time. PE kits need to be sent in on Monday and can be taken home on Friday.