



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS' TERMLY NEWSLETTER FOR CLASS 11 AND 12 Autumn Term 2015

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/RWI	The children will be developing their knowledge of specific genres including play scripts, report writing, narratives. They will also be developing their knowledge of punctuation such as exclamation marks, question marks, ellipses, speech marks and apostrophes.
NUMERACY	During this term, the children will be consolidating their times table knowledge and developing their understanding of conversions, fractions and solving word problems. They will be learning how to convert fractions to decimals and show this in a visual way.
SCIENCE	The autumn term will see children learning about Chemistry and the properties of materials, they will also be exploring Astronomy as they learn about the Earth in Space . They will be recording their observations and developing their understanding of different materials, investigating the movement of the Earth, Moon and Sun through making models and researching famous scientists such as Al- Hazen, Galileo and Isaac Newton
TOPIC	With Maryland's Creative Curriculum, there is no longer a separate History, Art or Geography topic. Our focus this term will be on inventions and Technology. As part of history, they will be compiling a timeline of 10 key events of British History. They will then be investigating the Vikings. Year 5 will discover how the Vikings impacted British History. In Art, they will be studying the work of Viking longboats and figureheads and reproducing an inspired piece using clay. D&T will be linked to Art, the children will be designing and improving a Viking longboat.
R.E	The children will be researching and discussing 'The Christmas Story' from different viewpoints to develop a deeper understanding of Christianity in our world. They will be exploring Christian beliefs and how the festival is celebrated around the world.
P.E	Our outdoor and indoor sessions will focus on Invasion Games and Dances in the Playground. These lessons will be linked as closely as possible to other subjects for example Numeracy, Science and CPSHE.
ICT	They will be blogging about the Vikings, imagining they are invading Britain for the first time. The blogs will be shown on our class website.

MUSIC	The children will have a weekly music lesson with Miss Sophia every Wednesday. ECAM lessons also take place with qualified music professionals.
CLASS TRIP	We will be visiting the British Museum to view Viking artefacts, we also be holding a workshop involving the Yorvik Centre in York. Details to follow.
HOME SUPPORT SUGGESTIONS	<p>Practise the following with your child: (1) Follow the mental maths 5-a-day book as stated on the homework slip. 5 a day implies 5 minutes of mental maths practice every day. Please support your child with the Year 5 non-negotiables that will be discussed at Meet the Teacher on the 17th September (2) Practise conversions, for example how many grams in a kilogram, how many millilitres in a litre. (3) Read with your child for ten minutes each day.</p> <p>Remember in order to learn successfully, children need to complete their homework independently on a regular basis. Homework <u>needs</u> to be handed in on a Wednesday and signed by yourself and NOT your child. It is also really important that they attend school on time.</p> <p>PE is on a Monday and Friday this term. Kit to be brought in Mondays and taken home on Fridays.</p>