

MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS' TERMLY NEWSLETTER FOR YEAR 5 - CLASS 11 AND 12
Summer 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
ENGLISH	Pupils will continue with the SFA English scheme, for most children they will be moved onto the Wings 5 level (Year 5/6 expectations). Some children who need to catch up will be working at a lower level or continue with the RWI scheme. In addition, pupils will be taught important aspects of grammar in a separate session once a week. We will be continuing our We-Publish work and completing more writing about our trip to Space: The Return to Earth (recount writing, news report) The interview (write an interview for the One Show).
MATHS	During the summer term we will be revisiting each of the units taught in the previous terms to ensure that pupils are able to apply the knowledge they have learnt in a variety of situations. Those children who have secure understanding will feel that their hard work has paid off.
SCIENCE	We will be completing our work on Forces looking at water resistance, friction and forces in action through making toys. As part of working scientifically the children will be planning a fair test recognising and controlling variables where necessary, taking measurements, recording data and results reporting and presenting findings, including conclusions. We will be studying and researching the work of famous scientists and how their theories and research have changed the way we think. They will be researching and comparing the life cycles of various species - including mammals, amphibians and birds. They also look at and describe the life process of reproduction in plants and animals.
TOPIC	As part of Geography we will be investigating China. History has been covered well in our previous units of the Tudors and Vikings. The children will be locating China, labelling maps to identify the natural features of the area and finding comparisons and differences between the UK and China. They will be collecting data and compiling graphs to identify differences and similarities in climates. We will be carrying out a case study of Hong Kong and creating a report for the Tourist Information board on the similarities and differences to London. In Art we will be studying the art of calligraphy and the children will be taking a symbol and redesigning this to study colour, line, pattern and symbolism.

R.E	In this unit children consider whether there is any difference between animals and humans, as well as to consider about how animals should be treated. They will discover what different religions teach about how animals should be treated and have the opportunity to respond to their own thoughts as well as those of others creatively through the arts.
P.E	Our outdoor and indoor sessions will focus on Athletics and Striking & Fielding. We will be preparing the children for Sports Day activities to develop skills and stamina in running, javelin and other relevant activities.
COMPUTING	Children will be designing and creating their own personal blog'. They will be identifying what their blog could be about and maintaining it with regular entries. In this unit, the pupils will learn about staying safe on social networking sites, and how to respond correctly in an online environment without hurting others, by practicing commenting on others' blogs.
CLASS TRIP	We are planning a field trip to study the river Lea at the Old Mill in Bow. Year 5 will also be planning a Earth Day trip to The Crystal. Details to follow.
HOME SUPPORT SUGGESTIONS	<p>It would really help if you could try the following with your child: (1) Practice times tables as by the end of year 5, all children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12 times. (2) To look at conversions, for example how many grams in a kilogram, how many millilitres in a litre. (3) To read with your child for ten minutes each day focussing on skills of inference and prediction. Remember in order to learn successfully, children need to complete their homework independently on a regular basis. Homework needs to be handed in on a Wednesday. Their homework diaries need to be signed weekly.</p> <p>Throughout lessons we will be encouraging children to think critically, this includes debating, questioning, reasoning and articulating thoughts. Playing strategy games such as Chess or Draughts will greatly support your child in this.</p>