

MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS' TERMLY NEWSLETTER FOR CLASS 9 AND 10 - 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	The pupils will be developing their knowledge of writing genres such as narratives, poetry and report writing. They will also be developing their knowledge of grammar and be looking at things such as: apostrophes, use of conjunctions and clauses in complex sentences.
NUMERACY	The pupils will be consolidating their understanding of the four operations and developing their application of these skills in real world contexts. The pupils will also further their knowledge of time, decimals and statistics.
SCIENCE	The pupils will be learning about the classification of living things. By the end of the unit they will be able to name the different groups of vertebrates and invertebrates, classify living and non-living things and follow and create decision trees. Additionally, they will look at the life and work of Carl Linnaeus and his impact on modern biological classification systems.
GEOGRAPHY	Pupils will be studying Russia: comparing and contrasting this vast country to Europe and the UK. We will be linking this to the whole school theme of 'Living Things' and our Science topic by studying the habitats and animals of both regions.
ICT	The pupils will become website designers and collaboratively create their own wiki. This is an editable webpage that they can add their own research to. Our wiki will be all about our geography topic, Russia.
D.T	This term the pupils will be learning how to make money containers. They will develop their sewing skills and embellish their products with their own Russian-inspired designs.
ART	The pupils will be looking at the work of the artist Kandinsky - a colourful abstract artist. They will practice their use of colour and learn about painting using definition and line. As part of this they will develop their skills with watercolours and painting with different tones.
R.E	This term the pupils will be looking at Hinduism. They will identify how Hindus worship at home and at the Mandir, as well as explore objects of religious significance to Hindus.
P.E	The pupils will be developing throwing and catching skills as part of the 'Athletic Activities' unit. They will also be completing a gymnastics unit whereby they will practice balancing and creating a sequence of movement.
MUSIC	The pupils will be continuing with weekly singing assemblies.
CPSHE	This term, our CPSHE topics will be the world of work and jobs and environmental change.
CLASS TRIP	During trips week we will be going on an external visit linking to one of our topics.
HOME PROJECT	This term, we will be looking at British design and more specifically, design found in London. The pupils can explore London fashion or London architecture This can take the form of written research (at least 5 interesting facts in the pupils' own words), detailed drawing with written research or a video. Please ensure projects have the pupil's name displayed clearly.
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 daily. By the end of year 4, all pupils are expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12. Please also support with telling the time to the nearest minute and looking at conversions e.g. grams in a kilogram, millilitres in a litre etc. Try and read with your child for ten minutes each day. In order to learn successfully, pupils need to complete their homework every week to be handed in by 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. We are aiming to become entirely 'paperless' in the coming terms. We have begun to set home learning projects on Google Classroom. Please login during the weekends to explore our suggestions.