



Year 5 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

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What we will be learning about this term in Maths and English.

In **English** lessons this half term, children will be focusing on the poem 'The Highwayman' where we will be looking at characterisations and exploring the poem in depth. We will be working on our descriptive writing; focusing on similes and metaphors.



Each week children will also have a spelling, punctuation and grammar lesson.

In Year 5, we expect the children to achieve at least 80% in their weekly spelling tests so it is important that the children have the opportunity to practise their spellings at home.

In **Mathematics** this half term, children will be learning how to plot co-ordinates, translate and reflect shapes in four quadrants. We will also be extending our multiplication and division skills incorporating money problems.

Please practise times table, multiplication and division facts with your child as it is extremely important that they are confident in this area.

Please ensure your children are using their mental maths skills effectively in everyday contexts e.g. calculating money when shopping, telling the time and finding the differences in timetables as well as converting units of measurement when cooking or travelling.

Thank you,

Mrs Ahmed and Mrs Patterson

Copthorne Curriculum

In Copthorne curriculum, our new topic is called 'Arabian Nights'. It focuses on the early Islamic civilisation and how it has impacted on modern day. We will be looking at Islamic art and architecture and creating our own geometric designs. We will also be looking at the significance of Baghdad in the development of the Islamic civilisation.



In **Religious Education** we will be learning all about Forgiveness. This will include PSHCE links and comparing and contrasting two main religions.

In **PSHCE** we are focusing on Picture News. Picture News has a different theme each week. The themes are influenced by events around the world and current news extracts that can be used as discussion points in relation to British Values.

In Year 5 it is expected that children access '**Mathletics**', '**BugClub**' and '**SPaG.com**' at home frequently, ideally a few times a week for a minimum of 20 minutes. These are monitored and weekly homework is set on these websites. If children are unable to complete the activities, it is important you make the teachers aware or the children may have to miss their break times to catch up.



Homework and Raving Readers

Weekly homework will be issued online on Friday and children will have an entire week to complete this. The homework websites will be then checked again the following Friday which gives children plenty of time.

Please ensure that your children make the best progress in reading this year by encouraging them to read their Raving Readers book at home every day for a minimum of 10 minutes and then ask them questions about what they have just read. For children to receive prizes, it is important that they also complete their Raving Reader activities.



School Uniform

We want our children to look smart and ready to learn so please could you ensure your child has the correct uniform for class time and P.E.

Trainers are only to be worn for outdoor P.E. and pumps for indoor P.E.

Black shoes should be worn the rest of the time.

