



Spring 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents' Evening via Zoom - Monday 28th February and Wednesday 2nd March

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March

World Maths Day - Wednesday 23rd March

Year 5 School journey meeting - 17th March - 6pm

Forest School - Wednesday 16th March

World Book Day

The theme for world book day is 'you are a reader'. We are suggesting that children come in as a 'word' and maybe decorate an old t-shirt. Recycling and upcycling is definitely a theme to go with Tomorrow's World and coming in as a word or phrase from a favourite book will link well with our vocabulary learning. There are lots of simple ideas on the internet.

NEW TOPIC: CLIMATE OF FEAR

This half-term, our topic is Climate of Fear. We will be learning about climate change and exploring more geographical skills such as time zones, longitude and latitude and explaining the reason for changing weather around the world.

MATHS

Money

- Represent whole pounds as a quantity of money
- Explain and represent whole pounds and pence as a quantity of money
- Compare amounts of money
- Efficiently add commonly used prices
- Calculate change when paying whole pounds or notes
- Adding and subtracting quantities of money
- Find the change when purchasing several items
- Use the most efficient and reliable strategy to find the change when purchasing several items

Short multiplication and short division

- Multiplying two and three digit numbers by a single digit number using partitioning, expanded multiplication and short multiplication
- Use estimation to support accurate calculation
- Dividing two and three digit numbers by a single digit number using partitioning and short division
- Multiplication and division problem solving.

Perimeter and Area

- Measure and calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes from diagrams with and without grids
- Calculate the perimeter, including shapes with unknown sides
- Calculate the area of rectilinear shapes by using squares and a formula.
- Calculate area of compound shapes.
- Calculate the area of irregular shapes by counting squares.

Every week, we will also be completing a maths quiz. The focus will vary over the weeks and we would encourage your child to practise their times tables on TTRockstars on a daily basis.

Maths home learning will be set every Friday and is due in on Wednesday.

ENGLISH

Inspired by our Climate of Fear topic, we will be looking at persuasive writing this term. We will be exploring persuasive features and using these skills to write persuasive letters from the perspective of endangered animals.

English Home Learning will be set every Wednesday and due in on Monday.

VOCABULARY

This year, we are explicitly teaching the children new words every week. These may be linked to our topic, or may be words we can use in stories or everyday conversations.

ORACY

This half term, we will have another oracy topic and further information on this will be provided to children in the near future on Google Classroom.

READING

This term we will be focussing on reading a number of non-fiction texts linked to our topic of climate of fear.

We are looking for volunteers to read with children during the school day. If you feel you can offer some of your time during the week (even just half an hour would be great) then please contact Kim Clark on kclark@fairlawnschool.net

SPELLING

Each Friday, there will be a new spelling focus and children should log on to Spelling Shed to practise the words from this group. Your child needs to bring in their spelling book every Friday for our spelling test and to stick in their new spelling word list.

SAMBA

The children will continue to have their Samba sessions with Murray. Samba originates from Brazil and the children have been introduced to percussion instruments and drums that are very often used in Brazilian music to create interesting rhythms. Samba's interlacing rhythms are made up of several different drums.

We will be performing on Friday 25th March at 2:45pm - 3pm in the playground. Parents and carers are welcome to join us!

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week was a great success and gave our children the opportunity to think, explore and discuss the importance of nurturing our own mental health. Please see the link below, providing lots of information about what other schools have done and what parents/teachers can do in the future.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/news/>

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE Kit on Tuesday and Friday for 5M and Tuesday and Thursday for 5E.
- Please remember to have your child bring in their own water bottle each day.
- Please remind your children to bring in a healthy snack for their break time.
- Children need to wear appropriate Forest School clothes and shoes on our Forest School days.

As part of our World Book Day plans, we and the PTA are hoping to build each class's book collection, particularly in the area of diversity promotion and anti-racism issues. We're asking parents to support this by purchasing a book from an Amazon 'wish list' that each class teacher has put together. A link to your class's list is included below. The PTA will be supporting by purchasing some additional resources for the library, but please feel free to purchase a book from this list if you would like to.

Please do support this project by buying a book, to be sent directly to the school, if you can. The deadline is Friday 18th March and books should be sent directly to the school. The address should be automatically updated on Amazon but it is: Fairlawn Primary School, Honor Oak Road, London, SE23 3SB.

5E https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/KID4889CF0A7?ref=wl_share

5M

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1OCVUVQ535AGE?ref=wl_share

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