



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 Dracula. We will mainly be focusing on characters, settings and film interpretation of the novel and comparing and contrasting these.

Each week children will also have a grammar and spelling 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 practising written methods for all four operations, we will also be revising angles, fractions, percentages and decimals.

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, converting units of measurement when cooking or travelling.



Is often set for homework activities. Please ask your child to show you this and discuss what they are learning with them. They have all received their own username, password and school code to access this resource. If your child cannot access the internet at home please let us know and we will make arrangements in school for them to complete their online homework.

Thank you,

Mrs Shah and Mr Pearson

Copthorne Curriculum

In our new Copthorne Curriculum topic 'The Penny dreadful' we will be studying the Victorian era. We will look at the importance of Queen Victoria and her impact on our lives today. We will also be exploring our local area and thinking about how the area has changed.



In **Religious Education** we will be learning all about Sacred Writings. This will include comparing and contrasting different Holy books.

In **PSHE** our theme for this half term is '**Economic well-being**' where we will focus on how to manage our money and how to make good choices regarding money.

In Year 5 it is expected that children access '**Mathletics**' at home frequently, ideally everyday for a minimum of 20 minutes. We will be regularly updating activities for your child to complete and allowing to children to 'Play Live'.

Remember there's always a possibility you could be one of the top 10 world Mathletes and earn your position on the leader board.



Homework and Raving Readers

Weekly homework will be issued on Thursday and will be due in on the following Monday morning. Please ensure that your child brings this work in on time and completes it to the same standard as their school work (in blue or black ink or preferably pencil). It is important in year 5 to complete every piece of homework as it helps the children to prepare for following lessons.

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 30 minutes and then ask them questions about what they have just read.



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.

Black shoes should be worn the rest of the time.

