



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 Highway man' where we will be looking at characterisation 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 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 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, converting units of measurement when cooking or travelling.

We have introduced **Abacus Pupil World** to the children for some of their 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,

Mr Rizvi and Mrs Shah

Copthorne Curriculum

In our Copthorne curriculum, our new topic is called 'Arabian Nights'. It focusses on the early Islamic civilisation and how it has impacted on modern day. We will be looking at Islamic art and architecture and will create 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 Special People. This will include influential figures in and out of religion who have been influential in their own right.

In **PSHE** our theme for this half term is 'Health' where we will focus on the importance of healthy eating and making the correct choices about our diets. We will be looking at how to keep drugs safe and the positive and negative impact of them.

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



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.

