

Curriculum Newsletter

Learning in Year 5



GREENLEYS
JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Terms 3 and 4

English



All aboard! This term, we will be focusing our English work on the historic disaster of the RMS Titanic. We will learn about how the ship was constructed and the many marvellous facilities it had on board; leading to the collision with an iceberg and the tragic sinking of the 'unsinkable' ship. Our writing will focus on creating a persuasive advert for the ship, a biography of a survivor and a newspaper report, recounting the dreadful night when the Titanic sank.

In term 4, our English based work will focus on our new topic, 'Viva Mexico', where we will be studying the celebrations and traditions of Mexican culture – leading to a report about Mexico. We will base our creative writing on a short film of the 'Day of the Dead' festival, where we will be writing a narrative. We will link this with DT, where the children be writing a set of instructions on how to cook a Mexican dish.



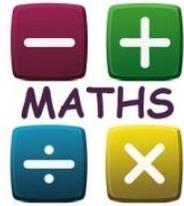
My Book Points



We are continuing with a special focus on reading by expecting the children to continue to work hard outside of school to collect Book Points. **The target is for your child to read three times a week at home, at least one of those with an adult. Reading records must be signed.** We will continue to discuss daily various literature within our Book Talk lessons, as well as learning how to answer different types of questions using our comprehension skills.

Maths

Over the next two terms, Year 5 will be working increasingly with fractions, measure and geometry (understanding shape). In addition, we will be recapping and refining the use of the formal written methods for number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).



Please ensure you support your child with their maths where you can. The children will need to work hard on their times tables and division facts, to ensure they are meeting the year group expectations (recall times table and division facts at speed up to 12 x 12). This term, we will spend one week on telling the time. As this will only be for one week, please could you also reinforce telling the time, including 24 hour time, at home to help your child become confident with this.

Science

In Science this term, we are going to be learning about materials and their properties. We will be comparing and grouping together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, using specific scientific vocabulary. We will also be building on the knowledge of solids, liquids and gases from Year 4 and investigating how mixtures can be separated. The children will be looking at how to carry out a fair test and ways to record and present their findings.



Computing

We will be exploring the programming software, Scratch. The children will be learning to write code to create a game. We will also be regularly using our class laptops in different lessons for a variety of tasks and purposes.

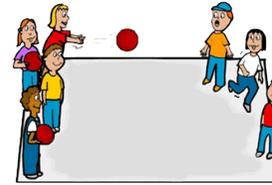


Geography

To link to our English work in term 4, we will be studying the physical and human geography of Mexico – describing and mapping land use, settlements and environmental issues.



Physical Education



The indoor PE this term is gymnastics; enabling the children to develop skills in performance where they can demonstrate clear, accurate and consistent movements – both on the floor and using apparatus. The outdoor PE focuses on a variety of invasion games, where children will learn the key skills and rules for the games as well as how to work and play as a team. **We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school from Monday to Friday. They will need to have suitable PE kit for outdoor lessons.**

German

In term 3, the children will be learning to describe themselves and others, as well as talk about clothes and fashion. They will be learning simple German grammar to construct sentences, which describe or give an opinion.

Art/DT



For our topic this term, Titanic, we will be making a reasonably large model of the famous liner in small groups. Once the model is fully made, we will be constructing circuits to power an area of our ship. Within food technology, the children will be making various Mexican dishes in term 4.

Helping Your Child At Home

If you have any questions or concerns, please make an end-of-the-day appointment with your child's class teacher; you can also use this opportunity to talk through ways in which you can support your child at home.