



Our topic this term is *Around the World in 80 Days*. We will be learning about our wonderful world and the people who live on it.

As Scientists we will explore *Properties and Changes of Materials*. This will involve revising the three states of matter & properties of materials. Solubility & thermal conductivity will be introduced. We will investigate separating materials using a range of methods

& understand that some changes are irreversible.

Our SEAL themes are *New Beginnings, Getting On and Falling Out* and *Mutual Respect*. The children will continue to look at the importance of British Values, such as democracy & the rule of law.

In R.E. children will explore why Christians go on Pilgrimage with a focus on Lourdes in France, to link with our Round the World topic.

As designers, we will be chefs, creating dishes from around the world.

As artists, we will look at Art inspired by different cultures around the world.



As computer programmers, we will design and code a 'Round the World In 80 Days' inspired game after creating a database which holds information on different countries around the world. **Online Safety will continue to be a focus, please discuss this with your child especially if you allow them to go online with social media including games and conversations.**

In PE lessons, children will be learning the importance of shape and contrast in dance and team skills in football.

Children will need their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor kit too (including a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms). They need pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors. Our PE days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

As writers we will be reading texts/watching clips that involve stories by famous authors, non-fiction and a variety of narrative texts, including poetry.

Children will be introduced Lara Williamson's *The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair*, to Michael Morporgo's *Gone to Sea* and *The Giant's Necklace*. We will be following our Spelling scheme where children will be taught spelling patterns and rules, they will have weekly spellings, to learn at home, which will be applied through regular activities in class and in our spelling logs.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult for at least 10 minutes each day and sign their diary.
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary.
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding.
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails, get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- Practising their spellings with them.



In Maths we will be continuing to cover all areas of the Maths curriculum. It is important that the children practise their tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to **practise their tables** and the corresponding division facts. Year 5 and 6 children should know all the tables.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, and telling the time.
- Helping them to complete any homework.

SATs Preparation for Year 6 only

There will be meetings for parents of Year 6 children. Dates to be confirmed.

Dates for you diary

Year 6 Astley Burf residential -Meeting to be arranged

Year 6 Astley Burf residential - w/c 29th April 2019

Year 6 End of Key Stage Assessment (formerly known as SATs) Week beginning 13th May 2019

Homework

Children record formal homework in their homework diaries and we would ask that parents check these regularly. This work is often in the form of completing and consolidating work that has been started in class. Teachers will comment in diaries as and when necessary and parents are encouraged to do the same.

Homework will be set as follows:

Literacy — Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.

Spelling - Tuesday to be returned the following Tuesday.

Maths — Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.

In addition to formally set homework pupils in Years 5/6 are expected to:

- Read their own choice of book every day.
- Revise and learn work covered in Maths, Literacy and Science.

If you have any questions or concerns please come in and see one of us.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Pickett, Mrs Foster, Mrs Barratt and Mrs Brannon.



Year 5&6

Autumn Term 2018

Around the World in 80 days

We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.