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This term, we will be covering the following topics:

Please note this is the overview for the topics. Children will be learning the objectives for their year group within the topics.

<p>Numeracy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and using standard written methods. • Division and using standard written methods • Fractions and decimals • Times tables.
<p>Literacy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy writing will be based around these texts: <i>Winter's Child</i>, <i>The Lion and the Unicorn</i> and <i>High Rise Mystery</i> stories. Children will be exploring a variety of writing types such as character and setting descriptions, reports, letters and diaries • Grammar and Spellings for Year 4 and Year 5 • Guided Reading - Various genres of texts.
<p>Reading</p> 	<p>Children are expected to read every night for (10-20 minutes or more if a keen reader!).</p> <p><i>It is important to continue to listen to your child reading as they progress through Key Stage 2. This is to ensure they are understanding and asking questions about the text and the vocabulary.</i></p> <p>Please record this in your child's reading diary and initial which is checked daily.</p> <p>Reading progress is tracked using Accelerated Reader, children complete a quiz after each book. This is one way to monitor reading progress at school.</p>
<p>History</p> 	<p>World War 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at key events of WW2 on a timeline such as the Blitz and evacuation. • The role of women in the war, rationing and propaganda. <p>Please note all WW2 subjects will be taught at an age appropriate level.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Why do oceans matter?</p> <p>Children will know why the ocean is important, know the positive and negative impacts humans have on the environment and learn map skills.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>This term we will be exploring why the Torah is so important for Jewish people. Children will build on their learning about the Jewish worldview and way of life. They will investigate the centrality of Torah, its place in the synagogue and how the interpretation of the Torah influences dietary choices.</p>

<p>Science</p> 	<p>Space and Earth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know about the heliocentric and geocentric models To learn about the Solar System. To understand the place of the sun and moon's movements. 	
	<p>Art - Exploring patterns Children will learn that the act of making drawings can be mindful and we can use line, shape and colour to create patterns. We can also use folding, cutting and collage to help us create pattern.</p>	<p>DT - Digital Timers Exploring the concept of mindfulness and writing design criteria to develop a programmed product for timing a mindful moment using microbits.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Year 5 - Video construction using Canva continued. Year 5 - Programming using Microbits Year 4 - using audacity to create a podcast continued. Year 4 - Programming using FMS logo</p>	
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Choir with Mrs Palmer. Composing and performing music</p>	<p>RSHE - Jigsaw Dreams and Goals Healthy Me</p> 
<p>PE (Wednesdays)</p> 	<p>Gymnastics with Mrs Milner</p>	
<p>Homework.</p> 	<p>Spellings Spelling Tests - FRIDAY. Spelling sheets are handed out on a MONDAY and due back FRIDAY. Children follow the Read, Write, Inc spelling scheme for their particular year group and learn new vocabulary and spelling patterns throughout the week at school. The worksheet has columns for daily practise. Please ensure your child completes the worksheet daily rather than several columns on a Thursday night!</p> <p>Numeracy homework: Year 4 and 5 - handed out on FRIDAY and due in the following THURSDAY. If Numeracy work is completed before the due date, children can hand it in early to the Numeracy homework drawer. Please ensure homework / mental arithmetic books are kept and handed in in the folder.</p>	

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am very much looking forward to a safe and healthy Spring Term.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Tidmarsh and Mrs Chinnock.