

Class Kirby Y5	<b>Autumn term 1<sup>st</sup> Half</b>
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<b>English</b>	<p>This half term, the children will begin by looking at our whole school book 'Mixed'. While exploring this picture book, the children will have the opportunity to write a persuasive piece of writing. We will then move on to focus on the novel 'Holes' During this unit of work the children will write for a variety of genres including; letters, diary entries, newspaper articles and setting descriptions. Each week we will focus on specific aspects of grammar including direct speech (using inverted commas), conjunctions (because, so, but) fronted adverbials, word classes (verbs, adjectives, nouns and adverbs) as well as a variety of other grammatical features.</p> <p><b>SPAG</b> The children will have daily SPAG lessons. They will be expected to transfer this learning into their written work. This term, we will be focusing on recapping aspects of SPAG from the previous year group. This will include looking at; nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, fronted adverbials, apostrophes and conjunctions.</p>
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<b>Maths</b>	<p>This term, the children will be recapping important aspects from last year's curriculum in order to plug gaps in knowledge before moving on to new learning for this year group. This half term in particular, we will be looking at these key objectives: Recognise the place value of each digit in a 6-digit number (10,000 1,000s, 100s, 10s, and 1s), Read, write, order and compare numbers to at least 1,000,000 and determine the value of each digit, Times tables up to 12 x 12, Rounding, Adding and subtracting using the column method, Column multiplication, Short division (bus stop method), Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000</p>
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<b>R.E</b>	Ourselves	The children will begin by exploring their talents and qualities. We will then discuss the gifts that God has given us in order to live as children of God. The children will explore their role models including their talents and qualities, whilst also looking at how they can develop and work on their own qualities in order to become better people.
	Life Choices	The children will begin by exploring friendship and commitment. We will then recap Baptism before learning about the sacrament of marriage.
<b>Music</b>	Linin' on a prayer	We will spend the first half term looking at the song 'Linin' on a prayer'. We will focus on the beat and the rhythm of the song and learn different parts of the song each week.
<b>Computing</b>	Coding	Children will spend this half term learning how to use our computing scheme 'Purple Mash' before moving on to our first topic 'Coding'. The children will use the Purple Mash scheme to use coding to design and create their own game.

<b>Science</b>	Earth and Space	This is the only Astronomy related science unit in the primary science curriculum. The aim is to give children a basic overview of Earth and its place in our Solar System. Children will describe the shapes, positions and movement of the planets in the solar system and some of the differences between these and stars.
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<b>DT</b>	Marbulous structures	We will have two full DT days were this term we will look at how marble is used in modern day structures, the children will learn all about free standing structures, use a different range of tools and equipment and finally be able to analyse their own designs.
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<b>Spanish</b>	Recapping sounds and the alphabet	This half term we will learn the Spanish alphabet and work on our Spanish pronunciation. We will then recap vocabulary that the children have learnt in previous years. e.g. colours, animals and days of the week.
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<b>Topic</b>	History (Mayan Civilization)	The children will be looking at the Mayan Civilization. They will be placing the Mayans in time and place. The children will be finding out what the significant events were in that specific time period. They will compare this period with other periods of history that they have studied. The children will also look at how we know about the past and different sources of evidence.
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<b>P.E (Fridays)</b>	Dance	Children will be taught by specialised Dance coaches where they will look at dances from central America, which ties in with our History topic for this term.
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## How you can help your child make progress!

- ☺ Read with them several times a week and encourage them to read independently.
- ☺ Practice number facts regularly e.g. Times tables.
- ☺ Encourage them to learn spellings and complete all homework tasks on time.
- ☺ Keep an eye out for suitable programmes on T.V. that are related to what we are studying. *The discovery channel often shows some good programmes.*
- ☺ Discuss the plot, characters and conclusions of films, plays and soaps that you watch together
- ☺ Try to take them to the library or local museums so that they can find out further information about topics studied in class.
- ☺ Give them suitable responsibilities, to encourage independence.

### Most importantly!

- ☺ Talk to them about their school day and ask them what they have learned. They will amaze you with what they get through in a day!

### Homework

#### Homework & Spellings:

Homework and spellings are given out on a Monday. Your child will be tested on their spellings the following Monday. It is imperative that they also know the meanings of the words that are included on their spelling list. Your child will be given homework each week related to work we are covering at the time. Homework must be completed on Class Dojo, however paper copies will be available if requested.

**Reading:** Children will need to change their book at least once a week. Please listen to your child read, ask them questions about the book and comment honestly on how you feel they have read.

On **Friday** we will be asking all children to bring in their reading book and record to be changed.

**PE:** Our PE day this week is **Friday**. On PE days, children are asked to come into school wearing their PE kit (blue shorts, white top and pumps). In the colder months, children are allowed to wear a tracksuit over their PE kit to keep them warm throughout the day.

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