



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2020



Welcome back - we hope that everyone was able to make the most of the summer break! It seems such a long time ago that we were all in school together so we are really looking forward to settling down to some sort of normality. We will be striving to support everyone as we become used to life at MPS once again.

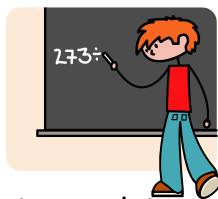
Parents - Please help, support and encourage your children their learning.

Children - Make the most of all of the learning opportunities on offer - there's a world of learning out there!

Mrs Halliday, Mrs Hilton and Mrs Wright



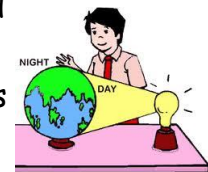
Numeracy - we will be continuing to develop our skills across the 4 number operations, as well as practising applying our skills to problem solving. Make sure you're up to date with your tables facts and number bonds as we will also be brushing up on our mental maths skills!!!



Literacy - our work will include learning more about reading and understanding different texts as well as developing our writing skills. We will be studying work by authors such as Roald Dahl and Emma Carroll; using picture books to stimulate our imaginations; and looking at other texts linked to our history topic,

Science

We will begin by learning more about the *Earth, Sun and Moon*; thinking about their relative sizes, positions and how they influence day, night, shadows and seasons.



In the second half of the autumn term we're going to be learning about *Forces*; what are they? What do they do? Where would we be without gravity? Does friction help us or hinder us? We will also be investigating how different mechanisms use a small force to create a larger movement.



Our **History** work this term will be about **World War II**, with a particular focus on the **lives of children** and people living in Derby during this time. Perhaps the children have relatives, who were children during the war years, whom they could interview to gain a first-hand account? As part of this work, we hope to run a WWII themed day in school where the children will be encouraged to dress up as evacuees: more details to follow.

In **Art** we will be learning about the work of *Clarice Cliff*; producing our own designs in her style.



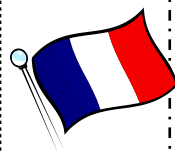
We will be using our **Computing** skills for research and presenting information, as well as learning how to create a multimedia presentation. We will also be covering aspects of internet safety.

Where does our food come from? Is there enough for everyone?

Through our **RE** work we will be looking at the distribution of food and wealth throughout the world, and that our lives are related to the natural world.



We will also be finding out about aspects of Judaism and celebrations linked to the Jewish faith.



In **Design Technology**, after half term, we will be making links with WWII's Make do and Mend initiative by designing and making our own aprons which will need to incorporate some recycled fabric.



In **French** we will be building on what we have learnt so far; learning more about the language and culture of France.

We will also be completing a range of work in **Music, PE and Games**.

And finally...

Please help to ensure that your children are completing and returning homework on time. Their homework diary will help them to organise their time and know what needs doing and when!

Please make sure that all PE and Games kits are **named and worn** to school on a **Tuesday and Thursday**. (A spare pair of shoes is recommended on 'Games Day' in case trainers get wet.)

Check: do you have all the equipment you need for lessons? - Pen, pencil, pencil crayons, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, a whiteboard pen that works!!!

