

Dear parents and carers,

Happy new year to everyone and welcome back!

In this letter we aim to give you an indication of what your child will be covering in the curriculum this term, as well as other information which we hope you will find useful.

Spring Curriculum

	Spring 1	Spring 2
English	Peter's Place Persuasive writing	Adventure stories
Maths	Multiplication Short multiplication; multiplication by 2-digit numbers Fractions Adding and subtraction fractions; mixed numbers; equivalent fractions Perimeter and area	Division Short division Fractions Multiplying fractions; finding fractions of amounts Decimals and percentages Thousandths, percentages as decimals, percentages as fractions
Science	Animals including humans	Living things and their environments
Geography	Sustainable Britain Fieldwork	North America
R.E.	What is worship? Do people need to go somewhere special to worship?	
Computing	Data and information: flat-file databases	Programming: selection in physical computing
Outdoor P.E.	Basketball	
Indoor PE	Dance	
P.S.H.E	RSE My emotions	
Art/DT	Designing a city	Collage
French	Food	Town
Out and about	Geography fieldwork	Orienteering Team building

Dates for the diary:

Mon. 29th January – Local walk to Eddington

Mon. 5th February – Local walk to Eddington

Week beginning 12th February – Spirals week / Bikeability

Please look out for other key dates in the school newsletter

Water bottles: All children should bring a water bottle to school.

Indoor shoes: Children need an indoor and outdoor pair of shoes with them at school. In an emergency, their indoor shoes will need to be worn outside so please be mindful of this when choosing them. The indoor shoes are to be left at school at the end of the day.

PE: PE lessons are on **Tuesday** (indoor) and **Thursday** (outdoor) afternoons. Hormones start to kick in in Y5, so we would encourage your child to have a roll-on deodorant in their bag for personal hygiene.

Homework: Weekly reading and writing tasks will continue to be posted on Seesaw each **Friday**. Your child is expected to complete the tasks and upload their work to Seesaw independently by the following **Thursday**. Homework club will be held on Thursday lunchtimes to support those who have not been able to complete their work at home. Printed copies of the homework will be provided to those who cannot access Seesaw.

Do assist your child if necessary but without doing the work for them – the tasks will all be planned to be completed independently. Your child should spend no more than 30 minutes on their homework.

It is also vital to read with your child on a regular basis this could involve you reading to them as well as them reading to you.

Please also continue with **TT rockstars** and **Spelling Shed** regularly.

Playtime:

Children are allowed to bring in **fruit or vegetables only** as a snack for breaktimes.

Independence:

Now that the children are in Y5, they are encouraged to have more independence at the end of the day. If you wish for your child to walk home by themselves, you must email the office (and copy in your child's class teacher) to let them know.

Mobile phones:

Children are allowed to bring a mobile phone with them to school if there is an appropriate reason (e.g. they walk home from school alone or they have a medical need that has been discussed with the teacher). This must be switched off at the start of the day and handed to the class teacher to be kept in a locked drawer, and will be returned at home time.

We have some interesting topics this term and we look forward to some fantastic learning!

If you have any immediate concerns about your child, we are happy to discuss these with you. Please email us at rbest@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk; jcaisova@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk and ajarman@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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