

Year 5 and 6 Curriculum Letter

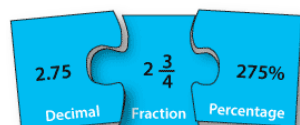
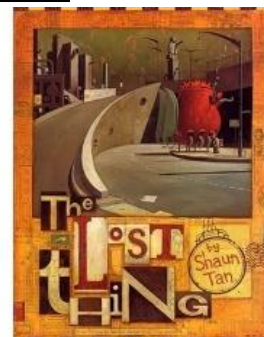
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I hope the following information will be helpful and provide you with an overview of the curriculum in our class this half-term.

In **ENGLISH** lessons this half-term, the children will be reading and writing text linked to different stories written by the Australian author, Shaun Tan. These stories include: The Lost Thing, The Red Tree and Dog. The children will be continuing to develop their creative, fictional writing through character and setting description, use of different aspects of figurative language and developing sentence structure and order.

They will also be reading and writing non-fiction genres linked to their science and topic work: forces and The Americas (geography).

The children will also be learning different spelling patterns each week.



In **MATHS** this half term, the children will be developing and learning new knowledge linked to fractions, decimals and percentages. They will be learning facts linking the three different areas: for example that $\frac{3}{8} = 0.375 = 37.5\%$; fractions and percentages of numbers and shapes and rounding and ordering decimals. In addition, Year 5 will consolidate work on time: reading analogue clocks to the nearest minute; 12 to 24 hour clock conversions and solving time word problems. Y6 will learn about ratio and proportion and the rules of BODMAS.

In **FRENCH** lessons the children will be developing their skills and confidence in speaking, listening and writing in French. They will consolidate work from last half term, as well as learning new vocabulary linked to body parts, school subjects and stationery, days of the week and months of the year.

PE this half term will be Dance and Netball. The children will be learning skills linked to these two areas. PE will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoon, so please make sure appropriate PE kit is worn to school on these two days.

Our **TOPIC** this half term is **GEOGRAPHY-BASED**. The children will be learning about The Americas: both North and South. The children will be learning about the human and physical features: the continents, countries, cities, climate and biomes as well as the ancient and natural wonders of The Americas.

ART: this term the children will be working with Mrs Way. Textile will be the focus and the work of Grayson Perry and William Morris as well as the Bayeux Tapestry will be studied.

The **SCIENCE** topic this half term is Forces. As well as learning new knowledge about different aspects of forces, the children will conduct investigations involving air and water resistance including streamlined shapes; Sir Isaac Newton and gravity and the effects of friction created by different materials.



In **RE** this term the children will be learning about the Muslim faith, in particular The Five Pillars of Islam: Shahada, Prayer, Zakat, Pilgrimage and Fasting,

HOMEWORK

This term we would like Year 5 and 6 to continue to read at home, at least 3 times per week. We would then ask either you or your child to record in the homework diaries that they have read. These will then be checked, in school, on Fridays. Homework will be set and put on Google Classroom on a Friday. It needs to be completed by Wednesday of the following week. A different subject will be set each week: English, maths, science or geography, sometimes there may be more than one subject set.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me on the following email:

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