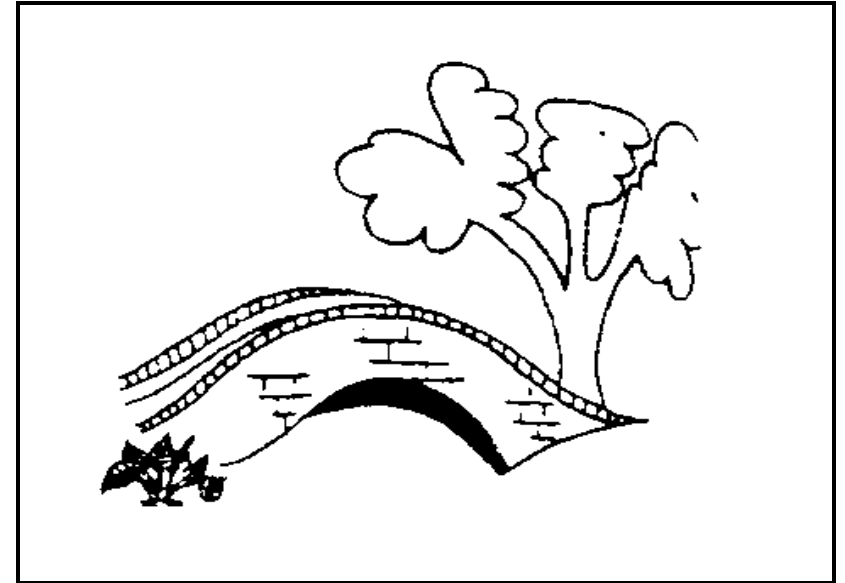


Possible ways of helping your child with their work this term:

- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit appropriate websites to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

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Curriculum Information for Parents

Autumn Term 2018

Mayfly Class (Year 4 and 5)

English
This term our English work will link with our topic Japan, wherever possible. We will be writing using a variety of genres, including non-fiction writing, diary writing, poetry and story writing.
The children will engage in a wide variety of reading activities within their English lesson and will also have a daily reading opportunity, within which they will have a Guided Reading session with their teacher at least once per week. The children will also have a daily spelling lesson in which they will learn about and practise spellings appropriate to their age and ability.

Mathematics
We will begin the term by revising and extending our understanding of place value to include decimal numbers to 2 decimal places.
Our main focus this term will be addition and subtraction, encouraging the children to work efficiently and fluently with mental and written calculation methods. There will be an expectation to learn and recall facts from the times tables they have already been taught and new facts. The Year 4's will be learning the 7 and 9 times tables and the Year 5's will be revising and using the facts they have already learned.

Science
We will split for Science again this year and the Year 4's will be taught alongside the Year 3's with Mrs Foster and the Year 5's will be taught by Mr Hares with the Year 6's.
The Year 5's will be learning about Earth and Space.
The Year 4's will be learning about Light in the first term and Electricity in the second half of the term.

Humanities
Our new topic is a geography based topic and we will be studying the geography and culture of Japan. We will be finding out where Japan is and what it is like to live there as well as finding about the physical processes of volcanoes and earthquakes which affect this country. We will be studying the distinctive culture of the Japanese people through artefacts, visitors and visits.

P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)
This term the children in Year 4 and 5 will undertake the unit, 'Be Friendly, Be Wise', in which they will consider what happiness is and how our relationships with family and friends are an important part of what makes us happy.

P.E.
P.E this term will be swimming and the children will visit Whitchurch Swimming Centre on Wednesday afternoons, where they will be taught by a qualified swimming teacher and members of Whixall staff.

Art and Design
Our art work will be closely linked to our Japan topic. We will begin by studying woodblock prints and will design our own prints inspired by them. We will also be studying the Japanese fascination with animation and making our own 'Manga'.

Design Technology
Our design technology work will be structures and will be linked to our studies of earthquakes in Japan. The children will be challenged to design and build an earthquake proof building.

R.E.
In their R.E lessons this term, the Year 4 children will be posing the question, 'What values are important to me?' This unit of work also encourages the children to think about how what their role is in their community and the Year 5 children will be asking the question 'How does believe affect our lives?'

I.C.T. and Computing
This term we will be using the i-pads as a research tool when finding out about Japan. We will also be developing our coding skills using programs such as Scratch and Kodu.

Music
This Year the Year 4 children will progress to learning the recorder and will be taught by a member of the Shropshire Music Service.
The Year 5's will begin to learn to play the violin and will again be taught by a member of the music service.

Spanish
The children will continue to be taught aspects of the Spanish language by Mrs Ach. They will continue to develop their understanding of the Spanish for numbers, colours, animals, and common objects and will begin to use short conversations to ask directions, order food etc.