

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

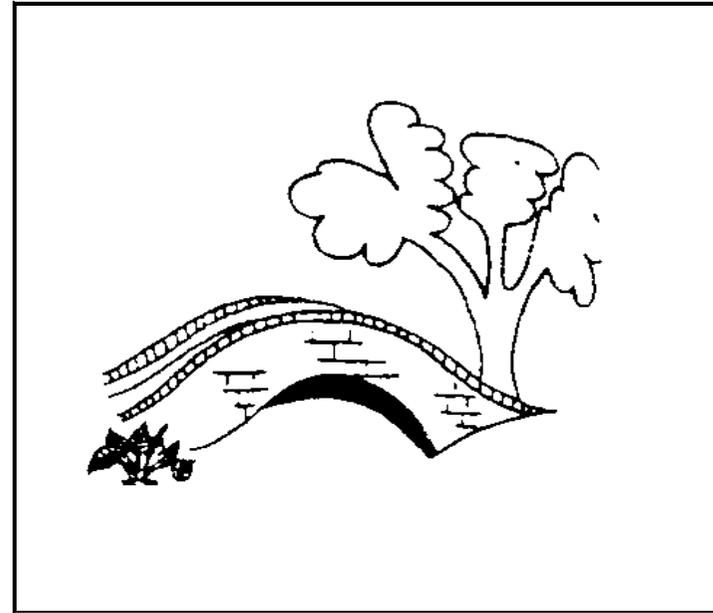
- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is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

Useful Websites:

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com/post/why-is-biodiversity-so-important-ted-ed>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6Ua_zWDH6U

Whixall Church of England Primary School and Nursery



**Curriculum Information For Parents
Summer Term 2021
Mayfly Class**

English

Our English work this term will be closely linked to our topic work about Biodiversity and Citizenship. We have chosen texts which encourage the children to explore global issues whilst developing their own fiction and non-fiction writing, as well as the use of punctuation, such as speech marks and apostrophes. In addition to this work, we will be completing our Bookfest stories, which will be written up and illustrated ready to be entered into the Schools' Competition. We will continue to have daily spelling and reading sessions as well as weekly handwriting lessons too.

Mathematics

We will begin the term by revising and developing our understanding of the number system. We will extend our knowledge of the place value system to two decimal places and in particular exploring what we mean by hundredths. Then we will be using this knowledge to help us develop our skills with addition and subtraction, especially in the context of money. In addition to these lessons we will have a daily mental maths session in which essential facts will be revised and learned, such as number bonds and times tables facts.

Science

This term's science is all about plant growth. We will be looking at the different parts of plants and how they contribute to successful growth, including flowers, stems, leaves and roots. We will be focusing on germination and pollination and photosynthesis as well as the role stems play in absorbing water. Wherever possible, these concepts will be explored using a practical and investigative way of working.

P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)

This term we will be focusing on Relationship and Sex Education in our P.S.H.E lessons. An outline of these sessions has already been sent out to families.

P.E.

This term we will be having one P.E session per week and this will be Summer Games, starting with the sport of cricket, during which the children will be developing their throwing and catching skills as well as their ball striking skills. They will begin to learn the rules of the game and play in small sided matches.

Art and Design

We are inspired by our topic for art and design this term and will be working on making our own sculptures of endangered species, using wire structures and recycled materials.

Design Technology

Design technology and art and design are closely linked this term with Structures being a focus for the DT work. The children will design structures for the recycled sculptures and there will be an opportunity to design and make a hedgehog home.

Spanish

We continue to receive fantastic support from Mrs Acs for our Spanish lessons throughout the year.

R.E. Through this unit, the children will learn that people often tell stories to explore and develop 'big ideas' about the World and the place of human beings within it. They will develop understanding of what is meant by 'creation' as a religious concept. They will gain awareness that people hold many different beliefs and ideas, both religious and non-religious, about the origin of the World and species. They will compare and contrast some different creation stories and express their own ideas in their own stories.

I.C.T. and Computing

This term the children in Year 3 and 4 will be exploring how we can learn through virtual reality. There will also be an opportunity to design an online game for young children.

Music

We are very fortunate to have input from the Shropshire Music Service this term which means the Year 3 children will begin learning Folk Whistle and the Year 4 children will begin learning the recorder.