How to help at home
Autumn Term 2
Year 4

Reading

This term, we will be reading Storm by Kelvin Holland. We will be exploring the exciting story, developing our understanding of the characters and events, and learning how authors use powerful vocabulary and descriptive language to create atmosphere and build suspense.

How you can help at home:

You can support your child's learning at home by reading with them at least 3–4 times a week. As you read together, encourage your child to discuss what is happening in the story.

Maths

This term, the children will be learning about Measurement, Multiplication and Division, as well as consolidating their previous learning. They will develop their understanding of measuring length, perimeter and other units of measurement, alongside practicing multiplication and division skills.

How you can help at home:

Practice times tables regularly using Times Tables Rock Stars. Encourage your child to use maths in everyday situations, such as measuring ingredients when cooking, measuring objects around the home.

Geography

Our geography topic this term is In What Ways Are Italy and the UK Different? Children will explore the similarities and differences between the two countries, looking at their climate, landscapes, landmarks and physical and human features. We will also learn about geographer Michael Palin.

How you can help at home:

Encourage your child to use maps and atlases to locate Italy and the UK. Talk about the differences in weather, landmarks, food and landscapes between the two countries.

Science

Our science topic this term is Classification and Changing Habitats. Throughout the term, children will learn how to group and classify living things based on their characteristics. They will also explore different habitats and how changes to these environments can affect the plants and animals living there.

How you can help at home:

Talk to your child about different animals and plants and the habitats they live in. Encourage them to spot living things when visiting the park or going for a walk. Discuss how animals can be grouped by their similarities and differences and how changes to habitats can affect living things.

Spanish

This term, the children will be learning the names of different pets in Spanish. They will develop their vocabulary and practise speaking, listening, reading and writing simple Spanish words and phrases.

How you can help at home:

Encourage your child to practise the Spanish names for common pets. You could ask them to name different animals in Spanish and practise simple phrases such as ¿Tienes una mascota? (Do you have a pet?) to build their confidence.

Computing

This term, the children will explore Programming 2, developing their coding skills using Scratch. They will learn how to create and edit programmes, using code to control characters and make things happen. They will also learn about Online Relationships, understanding how to communicate safely and respectfully with others online.

How you can help at home:

Encourage your child to explore Scratch and practice creating simple programmes. Talk about the importance of being kind and respectful online and how to stay safe when communicating with others.

Writing

This term, we will be learning about the life of Dwayne Johnson and exploring the features of a biography. Children will be using what they have learnt about his life to write their own biography, presenting key facts and events in chronological order.

How you can help at home:

Encourage your child to find out interesting facts about Dwayne Johnson and discuss important events from his life. You could also encourage them to write about people they admire, using time connectives to organise events in chronological order and interesting vocabulary to make their writing engaging.

PSHE

This term, the children will be exploring The Proudest Blue. They will learn about identity, belonging, celebrating differences and being proud of who they are. They will also explore the importance of kindness, respect and accepting others.

How you can help at home:

Talk to your child about what makes them special and encourage them to celebrate their own identity and differences. Discuss the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect and being proud of who they are.