

Year 5 and 6 Term 2 Newsletter 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore'

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a great Christmas holidays! This term, we are beginning a new topic called 'The Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore.' We will focus on different books throughout the term including 'The Day the Crayons Quit', 'Oliver Twist', 'Wonder' and 'Holes.'

In maths, we will be working on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages all term. This is an area of mathematics that a lot of children find tricky so any extra support you could give them at home for this would really help improve their learning.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just one page. Their books and book bags will need to be in everyday for 1:1 reading. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in their homework diary, but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments space. A member of staff will be checking homework diaries on a Friday and children are expected to have read at least 3 times a week with an adult.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Thursday and your child will be tested on the ten spellings they selected in the previous week (from either the Year 3&4 or 5&6 curriculum spelling lists). Their spelling tests results will be recorded in the back of their books for them to share with you.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Friday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Thursday. Maths homework will be set on 'Mathletics' and the children have their logins stuck in their Reading Record book. This homework should be completed independently and will be a follow-up of the work they have been completing in class. The homework should take around 30 minutes to complete. Your child can come to 'Homework club' either on a Thursday lunchtime (in Willow classroom) or on a Friday lunchtime (in Sycamore classroom).
Grammar	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Friday and your child will have 2 weeks to complete this. The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. This should take around 40 minutes and should be completed as independently as possible. To help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child.

Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above that we could hear about or borrow, we would love to see and hear about them.

Reminders - Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Miss Purcell

Reading at school and at home

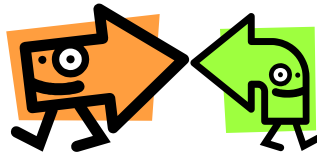
Reading strategies the children use in school and can be referred to at home.

I could sound out the word.

dog

sweet

I can miss out the word. Then I could read on to the end of a sentence and then go back and check what would make sense.



I look for smaller words in words.

butterfly

cat

handwriting

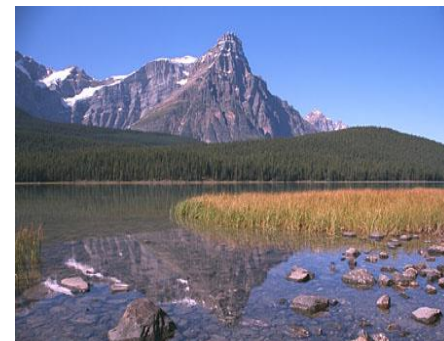
I talk through my ideas, thoughts and feelings about what I am reading so I understand it.

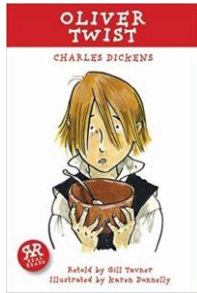
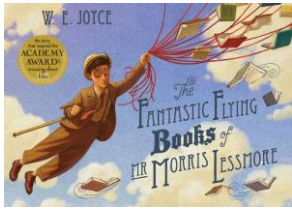


When I read I imagine what is happening and create a picture in my mind.

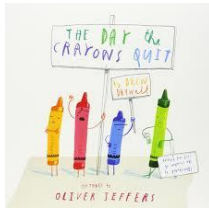


I use the pictures to help me.





'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore'



Literacy

Newspapers

Play script

Writing a Play Script

Write in your margin to show who is speaking.

Writing Letters

Maths

Fractions

Percentages

Decimals

Art

Illustrations and character design

Geography



Comparing European Cities



PSHE



Living In the Wider World



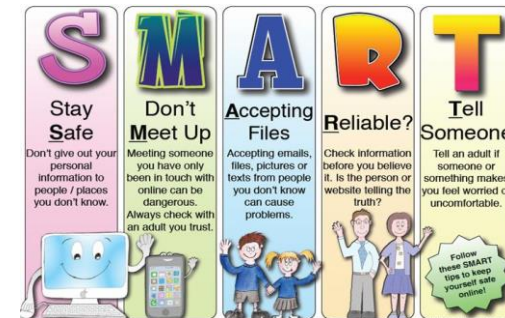
Computing



Emails



E-Safety



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How do the actions of the church affect your community?



Music



Charanga Programme
A New Year's Carol



Science

Electricity



Useful Websites:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad3CMri3h0s>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zgv39j6/resources/1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zj44jxs>

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- What is your favourite book and why?
- What should you include in a newspaper report?
- Who would you write a letter to?
- What happens in the 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore.'

Home learning tasks

- Create a new cover for your favourite book
- Research about a European city of your choice
- Write your own story set in a different world