

Homework

Homework is usually set at the start of the half term.

All children are expected to use the **Bug Club** and read at least 5 times per week at home, this is recorded in their Reading Journal. Maths homework will be set in a variety of ways, mainly through **Mathletics** online activities. Homework activities linked to the topic's **Imaginative Learning Project** are set by the class teacher at the start of each half term.

How you can support your child's learning at home

- ✓ Spend time reading/sharing a book with your child.
- ✓ Read your child's school reading book with them daily and comment in their reading diary.
- ✓ Use the local library to encourage reading and support topic work.
- ✓ Practise times tables given by the teacher
- ✓ Use everyday opportunities to reinforce problem solving in their head.
- ✓ Try not to impose teaching methods you experienced at school – ask the children to explain their methods to you.
- ✓ Practise spellings given by the teacher
- ✓ Encourage your child to talk about their learning
- ✓ Ensure that they have a quiet and suitable space for the completion of their homework.

Reading Diaries

Your child's reading diary and bug club account will be checked on a regular basis (please refer to the reading expectations on the academy website for more detail).

Please read with your children at home and ensure diaries are brought into school every day.



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For Parents

In **Mathematics** we will be focussing on the following:

- Interpreting Graphs
- Addition and subtraction, including inverse operations
- Solving Problems including money
- Fractions
- Decimals to two decimal places
- Conversions between different units of measure
- Number and Place Value
- Times tables

In **English** we will be focussing on the following:

Poetry – We will be reading a selection of poems relating to our topic and writing and performing our own poems. We will be learning how to use descriptive vocabulary such as adjectives, similes and metaphors.

Macbeth – Once again, we are lucky enough to be taking part in the Shakespeare Festival and will be working on a production with the Open Minds Theatre Company, leading to a performance to parents at Cast. This year we will be performing Macbeth. In class, we will spend time reading and learning the story as well as rehearsing.

We will also be learning about sentence construction and consolidating the required spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge for Year 4.

Other Areas of the Curriculum

Computing Programming, editing and multimedia presentations.	Science We will be learning about living things, animal habitats and food chains linked to the Austerfield visit.	Music To create musical pictures showing the moods of the sea and the creatures that live there.
RE - Islam To learn about Muhammed. The importance of ceremonies to Islam. To learn about Muslims in Great Britain. To understand the importance that charitable giving has for Muslims.	PE Games Skills Athletics Striking and fielding Dance Gymnastics	Geography Seas and oceans of the world, including the Great Barrier Reef. As part of the Austerfield visit we will be learning geographical skills such as map studying, orienteering and compass work.
Art Observational drawing. Anthony Gormley's Another Place. Batik Art.	MFL	Design & Technology Submarine design; working models.
History 19 th Century Ocean Exploration.	PSHE & British Values	

Our **Imaginative Learning Project** theme this term is...

Blue Abyss



Grab your wetsuit! We're going deep into an underwater world of incredible coral and mysterious sea creatures.

Some of our learning will be about...

- What real divers get up to below the surface
- Using globes, atlases and maps to locate the world's oceans and seas.
- Using classification keys to identify and sort animals.
- Finding out about the different layers of the ocean.
- Researching food chains.
- Why the Royal Navy Ship HMS Challenger is considered so important.
- Researching Jacques Cousteau.
- Anthony Gormley's 'Another Place'.

Trip Details:

Our annual Year 4 camp to Austerfield Study Centre will take place on Thursday 29th June. Both Year 4 classes will be visiting together and will stay overnight at the centre and return to school on Friday 30th June. More information and details of a parent's meeting will be sent out separately.

Can you help?

Anything associated with this terms topic would be greatly appreciated! (Books, artefacts etc.)