

Curriculum Letter



Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This curriculum letter keeps you informed about what your child will be learning this half term.

If you have any questions about what your child is learning or you would like to look at their work, you are very welcome to come into school and speak to your child's class teacher.

Theme Title	London Calling	
Year 6	Half Term	Spring 1
	Teachers	Mrs Whiteley and Miss Wood
Maths	This half term the focus will be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fractions of amounts Percentages Decimals 	
English	This half term, the English work will focus on non-chronological reports and formal letter writing. The grammar focus will include subordinating conjunctions, semicolons and colons for marking boundaries and in lists and passive and active voice.	
Topic Work	London Calling is the name of the topic this term. Many of the children will be visiting London at the start of January. Madame Tussauds, The National Gallery, The Lion King production, The Houses of Parliament and The Natural History Museum are on the itinerary.	
Science, Design Technology and Computing	In Science, the focus will be on electrical circuits. Knowledge gained in this unit will enable the children to light the theatre stages that they are making in Design and Technology. In Computing, we will be looking at keeping safe online and coding.	
Religious Education	This half term we will be focusing on growing up and rites of passage.	
PSHE	The focus the half term is on identify, society and equality. This will include studying human rights and the UN convention on the rights of children, refugees and homelessness.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 will have P.E on Thursday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school (pumps/trainers, black/navy shorts or joggers, a t-shirt will be provided). Homework will be given on a Friday and should be handed in for the following Thursday. Spellings will be given and tested on a Monday. Times tables will be tested on a Thursday. A sheet highlighting the tables that they need to learn will be given weekly. 		
<p>Please turn over to see how you can help your child at home this half term...</p>		

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Mathematics

Practising times table facts out of order along with the corresponding division facts, e.g. 42 divided by 6 is 7. They should be able to answer within 5 seconds.

Reading and Writing

Allowing them to read to you daily if possible. Ask them to tell you about the characters and setting, giving evidence from the text to support their answers, e.g. He is kind-hearted because he is willing to

share his sweets.

Using analogue and digital clocks to solve real life time problems e.g. If the film starts at 10:43 and is 1 hours and 55 minutes long, what time will it finish?

Asking them to write down any descriptive words or phrases that they find so that they can bring them into school and use them to improve their own writing.

Converting the weight of items that you have in the kitchen from grams into kilograms and vice versa.

When reading, ask them to look out for writing within brackets. Can they identify whether it is a relative clause i.e. starts with the pronouns who, which, that, where or whose or if it is parenthesis i.e. any additional information the writer would like to include?



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New Curriculum Spelling List Years 5 and 6



accommodate	communicate	equip	immediately	physical	sincerely
accompany	community	equipped	individual	prejudice	soldier
according	competition	equipment	interfere	privilege	stomach
achieve	conscience	especially	interrupt	profession	sufficient
aggressive	conscious	exaggerate	language	programme	suggest
amateur	controversy	excellent	leisure	pronunciation	symbol
ancient	convenience	existence	lightning	queue	system
apparent	correspond	explanation	marvellous	recognise	temperature
appreciate	criticise	familiar	mischievous	recommend	thorough
attached	curiosity	foreign	muscle	relevant	twelfth
available	definite	forty	necessary	restaurant	variety
average	desperate	frequently	neighbour	rhyme	vegetable
awkward	determined	government	nuisance	rhythm	vehicle
bargain	develop	guarantee	occupy	sacrifice	yacht
bruise	dictionary	harass	occur	secretary	
category	disastrous	hindrance	opportunity	shoulder	
cemetery	embarrass	identity	parliament	signature	
committee	environment	immediate	persuade	sincere	

Practising weekly spellings daily. Weekly spelling lists can be found on the Y6 website page.