

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

**Lancelot Class
Y5/Y6**

Term

Autumn 2023

Dear Parents,

This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term.

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	Developing writing skills across a range of narrative and non-fiction genres; reading comprehension skills with emphasis on inference and deduction; on-going grammar and punctuation skills, handwriting, spelling strategies and rules. Continuing to read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction including poetry.
Mathematics	Solving real life word problems; understanding number; calculating; measuring; statistics (handling data); geometry (understanding shape). Emphasis on using and applying knowledge and skills to investigative tasks. Year 6 to move towards reasoning style problems.
Science	Biology: Adaptation and Evolution; Create a classification key; Understand the Linnaean System of Classification; Identify characteristics of different animal types; Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood; Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function; Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within plants and classify plants into different groups.
Computing	Understanding how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly and how to use search technologies effectively; selecting appropriate programs and Apps to enhance learning opportunities. Understand how data is transferred over the internet. Understand how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration; complete shared projects online and evaluate different methods of communication. Learn how to communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the internet.
Topic	World War II: considering the impact that WW2 had on the lives of those in the UK (particularly children) as well as those in Germany. We will be looking in depth about areas including: Battle of Britain, the Blitz, a local study and major events.
RE	What it means to belong to a religion - Christianity; to know major religions; to understand importance of prayer; to use research to understand Harvest; to know the major Christian denominations; to know a Christian's central beliefs
PE	Multi-skills, Invasion games and Swimming
Languages	French—with emphasis on listening, speaking, writing and developing cultural understanding.
D & T and Art	To use a variety of techniques to add to observational drawings; D&T will be taught later in the term
Music	To research great composers and develop an understanding of the history of music.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. It has been great to meet all of the children and start this year together in a really positive manner. The children have returned to school with a mature and hardworking attitude and are already learning new routines. In Lancelot class, we have an incredible team with lots of experience. We are welcoming Mrs Sherry (TA) to our school and we also have Mrs Hills (1:1) who lots of you will know. We are really looking forward to having a wonderful year.

Homework

MATHS

Children will receive Maths homework (CGP books) on a Friday to be handed in by Wednesday.

Booster homework will be set for Year 6 children on a Thursday to be brought in the following Thursday for the next booster session.

LITERACY

Children will receive English homework (CGP books) on a Friday to be handed in by Wednesday.

Booster homework will be set for Year 6 children on a Thursday to be brought in the following Thursday for the next booster session.

SPELLING

Weekly spelling tests will be set every Friday and tested the following Friday.

Spellings should be learned everyday, including lists from previous weeks.

Children should be able to spell all words from the Y5/6 statutory Word List. A copy of this can be found on our class webpage.

READING

Reading books and homework should be brought to school and taken home every day.

Children should read at least 15 minutes per day at home, including some reading to an adult. Children to record daily reading in homework diaries and parents to sign weekly.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ♦ Mr Gordon will be teaching the Year 5 children on a Thursday afternoon, whilst Mr Gallagher and Mrs Sherry deliver booster sessions for Year 6.
- ♦ Additional homework from other subjects will also be set as required. In preparation for secondary school, it is very important that children get used to managing a higher workload.
- ♦ Please ensure your child has a named school PE kit in school at all times. Swimming will take place on Mondays until 16th October and PE will take place on Fridays.
- ♦ In addition, pupils have the opportunity to play football or other games on the field at lunchtimes throughout the year. Spare sports clothes and footwear are required for lunchtime field activities.
- ♦ Should you need to discuss anything, then please do get in touch with the school office or in person to arrange a suitable time.