



**COUNTESS
GYTHA**
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

**Lancelot Class
Y5/Y6**

Term

Summer 2024

Dear Parents,

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

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	This term the children will be 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. Our class books this term will be <i>The Arrival</i> by Shaun Tan and <i>Reggie House</i> has the Power by Helen Rutter. Our writing will be inspired by these books.
Mathematics	In maths, the children will be 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	Evolution and Inheritance: children will learn about variation and adaptation. They will be able to explore how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. They will examine the scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution.
Geography	The children will be focusing on mountains and rivers this term; they will understand the features of mountains; understand why they are formed; know the features of a river; to know the journey of a river; research world-renowned rivers
RE	Humanism: children will learn that Humanism is a non-religious approach to understanding the universe; that Humanism uses science to understand the world; that Humanists make ethical decisions based on reason and empathy; that Humanists do not believe in the supernatural (God or gods); that Humanists do not believe in an after-life – we have one life, here on earth; and how and why human rights were created
PE	In PE, the children will be focusing on Athletics, Cricket and Rounders.
Languages	French: An emphasis on listening, speaking, writing and developing cultural understanding; strengthen links with pen pals
D & T and Art	In art this term, the children will be studying Julian Opie and focussing on his Pop Art style of Portraits. They will be looking at skin tones, mixing tones to create texture and depth.
Music and Drama	The children will be working on the end of year performance as well as learning songs, dances and performances linked with this.

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you have had a fantastic Easter holiday and enjoyed a restful break. The children worked incredibly hard last term and have made great progress since the beginning of the year. We are really looking forward to hitting the ground running and having a great term in the Summer.

Please continue your great work in supporting your children at home by reading as much as possible with them. I like to read at least 15 minutes per day with the children with our class book. We try to get through 2 or 3 books every 6 weeks which the children really enjoy.

As we enjoy the hotter weather, please remember to apply suncream, large water bottles and hats.

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.

ENGLISH

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. PE will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays from Term 1 and Mondays and Fridays for Term 2.
- ♦ In addition, Lancelot have the end of year performance. The children will soon be sent home with scripts which we ask for them to learn their lines as soon as possible.
- ♦ Should you need to discuss anything, then please do get in touch with the school office or in person to arrange a suitable time.