



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 5 Term 2 2020/21

Hello everyone! We would like to say well done to all of our children for making such a fantastic start to the new school year. They have settled back into school life brilliantly and have made excellent progress in their learning – we couldn't be more proud of them! This newsletter will give you a brief overview of what your child will be covering up until the Christmas break. If you have any questions please speak with any member of the Senior Leadership Team or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack. We would also like to reiterate that we encourage our KS2 children to bring in a **healthy snack** from home to have at break time. **This may include a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.** Other snacks (such as crisps, biscuits and chocolate) are only to be eaten at lunch time if they are brought in at all. Thank you.

As we approach the winter months, please also ensure your child comes into school with suitable school uniform, a jumper/cardigan and a winter coat.

### English

In English this term, we will be looking at writing a rebirth story and instructions. We will be focussing on including the features of each text type in our writing, including expanded noun phrases, uses of inverted commas and all associated punctuation and developing characters.



### Maths

In maths this term, we will develop our understanding of place value. We will be reading, writing, ordering and rounding numbers to 1,000,000. We will also be developing our mental addition and subtraction methods. We will be identifying factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers and well as working with decimal numbers.

## Reading

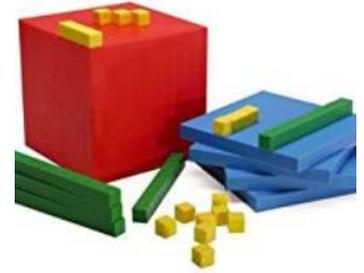
We kindly ask that you read with your children at least 5 times a week.

We ensure an adult reads with your child as often as possible in school but it is crucial that your child practises at home as well to develop their fluency, intonation and comprehension.

We ask that you continue to maintain a reading record for use at home and we will be sending home notes to you to keep you informed of your child's reading progress.



If you would like any information on how we teach these methods in class or guidance on how to support at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.



## Topic Subjects

Our Foundation Subject Topic this term is "Shaping Our World".

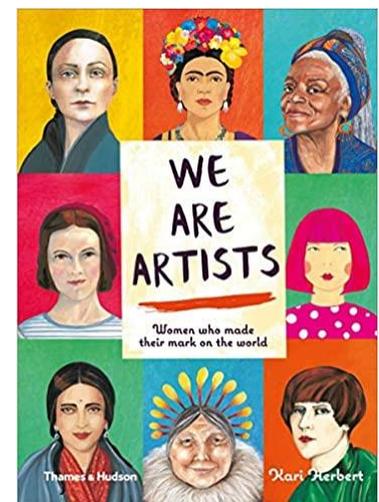
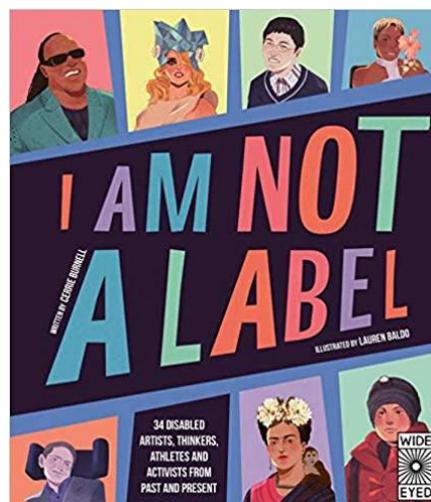
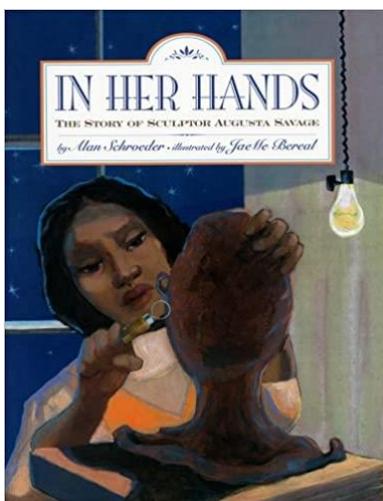
It's an extremely exciting topic where we will be learning about the impact the Roman Empire had on Britain and explore the legacy of their invasion including the introduction of Roman roads, the structure of towns and their names.

Our geography work this term will include locating countries in Europe, North and South America and understanding key geographical vocabulary.

Later in the term, we will be learning about an American artist and sculptor, Augusta Savage, and using her work as inspiration for our own artwork. Towards the latter part of the term, we will be using textiles to design and create a Christmas stocking. Please refer to your child's Shaping Our World knowledge organiser to better understand what your child is learning about in school.

## Term 2 Reading Spine

These are a selection of books Year 5 children will be exploring during this topic. They have been carefully selected as high quality texts to support your child's learning of the curriculum. We invite children to read these books during their free-reading time in school but you may also want to grab a copy for your own bookshelves at home!



	<p>Your child will be taking part in P.E on Tuesday and Wednesday. As we will not be using the cloakrooms at this time, we are asking that children come to school dressed in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E. We would like to remind our families that this involves wearing their teams coloured T-shirt (plain, no slogans), black/navy blue shorts or black/navy blue jogging bottoms and trainers/daps. Usual school sweatshirt/ cardigan can be worn with this – no other sweatshirts to be worn please. If you do not know which house your child is in, please email the class email address <a href="mailto:northamericaclass@sgmail.org.uk">northamericaclass@sgmail.org.uk</a></p>
	<p>We will continue to send home your child’s homework for the entire term. This will include the term’s spelling words/rules and Maths Instant Recall Facts. This term however, we will be collecting in the homework books and reading records midway through the term. We will be asking for homework books and reading records to be brought back into school on 27th November. These will then be marked and returned to your child as soon as possible. We will then also take in the homework books and reading records towards the end of the term (17th December) to celebrate your child’s home learning once again. Also, we would like to remind you that your child is able to log on with their Purple Mash logins to complete any extra homework and practise their learning at home.</p>
	<p>Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day, as at this time our water fountains will be out of use. Also please make sure that their school uniform is labelled clearly with their name and class. We ask children not to bring in their own stationery, toys or items from home into school. We will provide all the equipment that your child needs.</p>

**Year 5 Term 2 Key dates:**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations

Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Parent Consultations

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Virtual Panto!

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