

Welcome to HBM : Autumn 2015

Welcome to the beginning of the school year and to Homebase M. I hope you have had a lovely break over the summer and that your children have settled happily back into school.

Curriculum at a glance - Autumn term

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Literacy	Stories set in imaginary worlds, similes, news reports and diaries. Spelling and grammar, guided reading.		
Maths	Place value; methods of addition and subtraction, multiplication and division; calculations; fractions; measurement; statistics; geometry.		
Science	Rocks, forces and magnets.	States of Matter & Electricity	Space, Earth & the Sun; Materials
History	Anglo-Saxons and Vikings		
Geography	Kenya (country study)		
RE	Festivals and Rituals		Pictures of Jesus
Art	Art inspired by Anglo-Saxon/Viking and Kenya topics		
Music	Music with a water theme and Ocarinas		Descriptive music
ICT	General ICT skills		Coding
PE	Rugby, Football and Gymnastics (& Swimming for Year 5)		

Home learning

Maths and Literacy homework is given to children on Wednesdays and due in the following Monday. Please sign homework diaries and add any comments you may have to the Maths and Literacy homework books. Your child should spend around 30 minutes on each activity.

We expect children to read at least three times a week to an adult and any comments to be noted in their Reading Record. Please sign their Reading Record at least once a week and ensure your child brings a book and their Reading Record to school every day. Try and make time spent reading together as relaxed and as enjoyable as possible and encourage your child to talk about their reading. Keep reading to your child too, finding time for a bedtime story is a lovely way to end the day and a chance for children to hear language and access books that they may find difficult to read themselves.

Times tables - please help your child to learn times tables up to 12x12 as we progress through the school year. Sound times tables knowledge is an important foundation for learning so many different aspects of mathematics, including division, fractions, percentages, algebra and of course multiplication itself. A times table grid and tips on how to learn tables will come home soon. We will also be practising mental maths skills, including times tables, in school regularly.

Celebrating achievements

We enjoy hearing about children's achievements outside school. Please let us know of any extra-curricular achievements, for instance passing a music exam, attaining a well-earned badge in Cubs or playing particularly well in sport at the weekend.

Finally

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns. You are welcome to come and see me on the playground after school, or jot down a note in the homework diary or send an email via the school office.

Please do come to 'Meet the Teacher' on Tuesday 29th September at 7pm

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs May - HBM Class Teacher

Mrs Russell - HBM Teaching Assistant