

Half Term Overview - Yr 5/6

This is the curriculum overview for Gold Class for the Spring 2 term. This overview gives you a brief explanation of what the pupils will be doing in school. It also gives you suggestions of activities to support pupil's learning at home. These are only suggestions, not compulsory activities.

Topic Our topic this half term is ‘Up, Up and Away’ which has a science and DT focus. Each week we will be learning about different aspects connected to this. Week 1- I spy in the sky Week 2- Hot Air Balloons Week 3- Gliders Week 4- Planes & Helicopters Week 5- Rockets Week 6- Animals & Insects that fly	Maths This half term we will start by looking at number with some of our children counting out quantities and some of our children developing their addition and subtraction skills as well as investigating the ideas around division and multiplication. The second half term will focus on Geometry and learning about shapes and positional language.	English This half term our class will be reading The Squirrels Who Squabbed by Rachel Bright. This book will give us a lovely way to link into our PSHE work as we are learning about the importance of sharing. Alongside this we will also be reading a range of books both fiction and non-fiction linked to our topic and also a weekly class poem.	Phonics/ Reading We continue teaching phonics in our differentiated groups within the year band. Pupils will be learning the sounds of letters, how to blend sounds to read words and letter formation.	Cookery This half term we will be making different types of vegetable stir fry. The pupils will continue working on a variety of cookery skills, involving handling and using equipment and kitchen safety. 
Computing This half term our ICT unit is Programming. In this unit of work pupils will develop the ability to input a sequence of instructions to make something move, whether that be on screen, using a floor turtle or a person. They will use computer packages and apps to enter instructions and see them come into action. 	Expressive Arts Week 1 - Shopping Role Play Week 2, 3 & 4 - Puppet/Shadow Theatre Week 5 - 6 - Whole School Art Project 	Gold Class Up, Up and Away  Spring 2 Overview		Science Our science work will link in with our topic learning about physical properties and living things with a focus on: Week 2 - Floating & Sinking Week 3 - Glider Making Competition Week 4 - Motors & Propellers Week 5 - Push & Pull Forces Week 6 - Types of flying animals and insects.
Home activity ideas... Topic work- If you get the opportunity to visit the airport and watch the planes or Dunstable Downs to view the gliders this will reinforce our topic work in school. Take a look at our weekly newspaper online and see what your children can tell you about our featured stories. Please continue to share with us your successes at home with independence and life skills such as making sandwiches or getting dressed	Communication We will continue with Golden Gift of the Gab FM where the children have the opportunity to listen to our class radio and answer questions which will relate to our story or topic. We will also continue with a weekly Karaoke session where the children get to choose their favourite songs and follow the words on the screen. Finally during breakfast time, snack time and PM circle time we will use our chatter mats and question cards to practice asking and answering questions using full sentences.	PSHE Pupils will continue to work on their personalised learning program targets each week. Our theme for this half term is Friendship,, which we will focus on daily in class and through Year Band Assemblies & Breakfasts Buddies. 	Important dates Friday 2nd March - World Book Day Friday 23rd March - Sports Relief Thursday 29th March - Silly Sock Day	Trips In March we will be going on a trip focusing on all things that fly. Details will be out asap.

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