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New City Primary School Year group: 5 Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to school. This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

English	Maths	Science
Year 5 will be looking at the authors: Onjali Rauf, SF Said and Zillah Bethall throughout the year. In English, the children will be learning about myths and legends from the UK and they will create myths using descriptive language. They will develop their writing so their story is cohesive and builds suspense. Using persuasive language, the children will create texts to persuade an audience to agree to their viewpoint. Exploring figurative language, the children will create different styles of poems. In addition, they will be reading and analysing a range of texts to improve their retrieval, inference, and deduction skills.	This term the children will be using their place value skills to order numbers up to a million. They will also be learning about identifying equivalent fractions, percentages and decimals. Using their mental maths skills, the children will learn to count forward and backwards, identify different multiples as well as doubling and halving. Furthermore, the children will learn how to solve word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.	In science, the pupils will learn about Earth and space, exploring how Earth orbits around the sun and how this affects the planet. They will learn the Earth's structure and the impact of climate change. Also, the children will be studying the topic of the life of animals and plants. They will learn about the life cycle of different plants and animals and then compare the similarities and differences.
History & Geography	Religious Education	Art & DT
In the first half of the autumn term, the children will be studying about Ancient Egypt and will compare its past with the present day. By the end of the topic, the children will have a good idea about the legacy of Ancient Egypt. The geographical focus during the second half of the term will be to investigate the Lake District National Park. They will compare the Lake District with Plaistow and identify similarities and differences using a range of research tools including OS maps.	In RE, the children will be studying about what religions believe about God? The children will learn why some people believe there is no god and look at a humanistic perspective. Furthermore, they will also learn about what Hindus, Christians, Sikhs and Muslims believe about god. They will also be given the opportunity to express their own ideas about who is god. In the second half of the term, the children will learn about how Christmas is celebrated in different ways around the world.	In art, the children will be investigating different materials and media in art. The children will create artwork in the style of a chosen artist for the school display. During DT lessons, the children will learn to create a musical instrument. They will investigate different materials and how instruments are made and how they make sound, which will lead to them each designing and making their own musical instrument.
Computing	Mandarin	PSHE
Children start off the Autumn term learning how computing systems and networks work. They will learn how to identify and share information between digital systems. In their creating media unit, they will plan, capture and edit video to produce a short film.	This term, year 5 will be reading a classic Chinese tale: Mulan They will continue to build on their pronunciation and Mandarin character reading of key words. They will understand how to read time in Mandarin and be able to ask and answer questions based on time.	Pupils will learn about the UK parliamentary system, British values and the creation of laws. Pupils will consider what is meant by 'British' identity and develop strategies for when identity may be challenged. They will learn how online identities may differ from real life identities, and which information it is important to keep private online. They will also consider how the media and celebrity can influence their identity.
PE	Music	Homework
In PE, the children will be improving their gymnastic skills. They will develop their floor work by forming shapes, moving in sequence and creating counter balances. During their football and basketball topic, the children will learn to pass and dribble a ball accurately; develop their defending, attacking and tactical skills; and will improve coordination and travelling skills learning street dance.	In music, the children will be learning to play a brass instrument this term, focussing on dynamics and improvisation.	Each day children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. Books will be changed regularly by the children. Please use the homework book to record any concerns or comments. The homework schedule is as follows: Monday: Spelling Tuesday: Comprehension Wednesday: Maths Thursday: Athletics & TTRockstars Friday: Long Writing.
	Educational Visits	
	We will be organising other trips in the coming term and will inform you of dates and venues when they have been confirmed.	

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