



CHURCH CROOKHAM

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter – First Half

Upcoming Events



- 4th September – First Day
- 18th September – Individual and Sibling School Photos
- 10th October – Fantastic Friday
- 13th– 15th October Sayers Croft
- WC 20th October – Harvest Breakfast
- 24th October – Inset day

P.S.H.E.



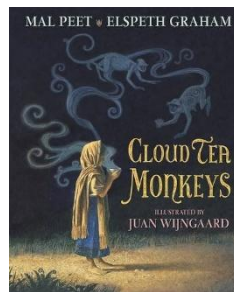
Meet our brain

Understanding how your brain works and how to ensure we look after it so that we can manage our emotions and be at our best.

English



This half term, the children will be exploring two exciting texts: *Cloud Tea Monkeys* and *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*.



Through *Cloud Tea Monkeys*, the children will make predictions, explore characters through drama, and unpick the features of diary writing. They will develop their understanding of sentence structure and tense, before planning and writing their own diary entry inspired by the text. There will be a strong focus on using clear structure and appropriate language to reflect character voice and emotion.

In *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*, the children will work towards writing an escape narrative. They will build atmosphere and tension through the use of expanded noun phrases, figurative language, and varied sentence types. Immersed in the world of the story, they will explore the setting, characters, and mood in depth, enhancing their descriptive writing and narrative style.

Home Learning



	Details	Days Handed Out	Days Handed Back In
Reading Homework	Essential homework which should be completed as a minimum of three times a week.	Monday	Monday
Spellings	Essential homework where children will learn their spellings each week for a weekly test.	Monday	Monday
Times Tables	Extension homework where children will learn their times tables and complete on Times Tables Rockstars.	Monday	Monday
Maths and English Homework	Optional extension homework alternating each week between maths and English. Maths will be on 'My Maths' learning platform. English homework will be stuck in to the children's exercise books. Maths will be given feedback through 'My Maths' website.	Monday	Monday
Project Homework	Extension homework which includes one task to be completed as a minimum - the tasks may include maths, English or another subject. <i>Children will have half a term to complete this homework.</i>	Monday	Monday

P.E.



Swimming – This unit will develop water confidence, stroke technique, breathing control, and stamina.

Football – In this unit the children will develop dribbling, passing, defending, shooting, and teamwork skills.

Maths



We will be focusing on developing our understanding of place value with numbers up to 1,000,000. The children will practise reading, writing, ordering, and comparing large numbers. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, working with increasingly complex problems.

There is a continual focus on reasoning and applying their mathematical knowledge to solve problems.

Science



The children will be learning about *How Light Behaves* and there will be a focus on the overarching question: Why does my shadow change length?

Children will have three knowledge blocks:

Knowledge Block 1: How light travels

Knowledge Block 2: How light behaves when it hits objects

Knowledge Block 3: How We See

Geography



We will be learning about Sri Lanka—where it is in the world and how its geography compares to the UK. We'll develop our map skills by using atlases, keys, and grid references. We will also explore global trade, including imports, exports, and the importance of fair trade. We'll look closely at Sri Lanka's tea plantation businesses and learn how trade impacts people's lives both locally and around the world.

Religious Education



This term, children will learn about the six main beliefs of Islam, the Five Pillars, the festival of Eid al-Fitr, how Muslims pray, and how these practices create a sense of belonging.

Art & Design



We'll begin by designing sketchbook covers that reflect our personalities. Then, inspired by our geography work, we'll create bold, colourful peacock prints using a range of exciting printing techniques.

Computing



This term, we will be exploring coding using Scratch. Children will learn how to create simple programs, use sequencing and loops, and begin to debug code to make their projects run smoothly.

Music



The children will learn the fundamentals of playing the glockenspiel, exploring mallet techniques, pitch, and dynamics. Through the topic Order to Disorder, they will compose and perform an original piece using patterns and creative expression.

Design



Technology

Later in the term, the children will explore food and nutrition by learning the basic cooking skills needed to prepare a vegetable soup. More information will be shared in the Autumn 2 newsletter.

French



In French, the children will learn how to order food and drink at a café. They will practise speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, and explore what mealtimes are like for someone living in France.