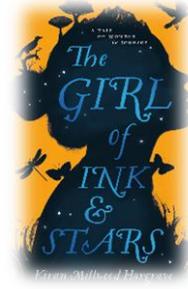




# The Girl of Ink and Stars



Base 5 – Year 6

Spring Term 2020

Dear children, parents and carers,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

We begin the year with our whole school topic of 'Discoveries'. Our topic will focus on history and the amazing civilisation of the Ancient Greeks; this is led by our class text 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' which is full of mystery, myths and adventure. The book follows the life of a young cartographer's daughter who desperately wants to explore and discover more about the mysterious island she lives on, but, without warning, an awful event changes the lives of the people on Jura forever and suddenly it is down to Isabella to save not only her best friend, but the whole island. This text will lead us into map making, sewing, pottery, scientific experiments focusing on our hearts, and more musical performances, oh yes and a wonderful visit to Liverpool World Museum. Please look at the curriculum overview for more detail about our planned learning this term- again it looks like it will be a busy one!

The organisation of the week is as follows; as usual the school doors are open from 8:45 and we expect the children to be in school no later than 8:55am, fully equipped with reading books, PE kit, any completed homework, a healthy snack for break times and a coat! It is essential that reading books are in school every day as I will be expecting the children to read every night and will be checking this daily. If there are any messages, they can be given to me on the door. PE will be on a Thursday afternoon - please ensure all PE kits (warmer clothing included) are in school from a Monday and are clearly labelled. This term we will also begin swimming again, this will be on a Wednesday afternoon and starts on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, please don't forget a full swimming kit. Our daily timetable is shown below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic
	Maths	Maths		Maths	Maths
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
	English (inc reading and SPAG)	English (inc reading and SPAG)	English-Reading	English (inc reading and SPAG)	English
English SPAG			French/ Homework marking		
Afternoon	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Swimming	Lunchtime	Lunchtime - Book Club
	Assembly	News Assembly		RE	Learning journey
	Learning journey	Learning journey		P.E	
	Class story	Class story	Class story		Assembly

\*Learning journey covers all other curriculum subject areas

\*\*This timetable gives a general overview of the week and may change according to the needs of the class.

**PLEASE NOTE: Weekly Homework will change to a FRIDAY this term.**

There is an expectation that you always complete your homework fully and on time. The homework set will either: prepare you for the following week's learning; recap the previous week's learning or cover some basic key skills and is therefore extremely important. You will be expected to read daily- this really is vital and I will be checking this every morning. Homework club is available every Tuesday lunch-time if you would prefer to complete the work set at school.

- Spellings and arithmetic skills that we have been working on in class (and spelling which have been sent home) will be tested on a Friday and results recorded in the children's homework books.
- SPaG homework will be marked together on a Friday, as well as any other set homework.
- It is expected that you read daily. It is a real pleasure to enjoy a good book, if you haven't found something you love yet come and ask for help, that's what we are here for.

Also, a quick reminder that pencil cases are not allowed in school – there simply isn't the room and school provide all the equipment that your child will need.

We will continue to work on our 'ACHIEVE' approach- something that, as you are now Base 5, I hope you can be real experts on. It is really important that we recognise that getting something wrong is simply a step in learning and by the same token getting everything right means we have not learned anything new- we need a challenge!

Ask – always ask questions to further your learning

Concentrating- focus on your work and your task

Help- help others to learn

Improve- see your mistakes as an opportunity to learn.

Engage- engage yourself with your learning- take control of it

Value – value yourself; you are important and so are your classmates

Explore – explore your ideas and stretch your learning.

Health and Wellbeing - Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle to school daily. All snacks and packed lunches should be healthy. A breakfast snack is provided by Mrs Warner at a small cost and a hot dinner can be purchased for £2.40. Any absence needs to be reported to the school office no later than 9.30am.

There are some important dates for your diary (please also see the website for updates and Parentmail)...

10<sup>th</sup> January – Educational Visit to Liverpool World Museum

15<sup>th</sup> January – Swimming begins

29<sup>th</sup> January- Class Photographs

14<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

And finally, parent and carers, please remember that I am here for your child and just as you, I want the best for them – if you have any concerns or worries, my door is always open.

Your Teacher,

Mrs Charlesworth