Trafalgar Junior School - Year 5 Curriculum Information – Autumn Term 1 2023

English	Maths	Science	Other curriculum areas
 Reading: We will be developing reading fluency and expression, comprehension, inference and deduction skills and backing up opinions with evidence from a variety of high-quality text styles. Much of our learning will be based around the following texts: <i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i> (fiction), <i>Rain Player (fiction), Maya History in Infographics (non-fiction)</i>, Additionally, the following texts will be covered in our whole class reading sessions: There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom. Children are expected to read at home daily and parents are encouraged to hear their children and discuss what has been read, signing their child's reading records. Through the above, we aim to develop each child's love of reading, whilst exposing them to a range of reading genres. Writing: Our writing curriculum will focus on: Engaging with a wide range of high-quality texts to support and develop writing across a variety of genres Planning, drafting, writing, evaluating and editing Writing legibly, fluently, with increasing speed Main writing outcomes include: Fiction: narrative account based on text: The Man Who Walked Between Towers; diary entry using emotive language; report using adverbials of time Non-fiction: analytical writing of Maya life Grammar and punctuation: Spelling Shed's SPAG scheme is used to support learning in school and at home, with specific focus for the year on the following: Sentence structure: Modal verb Clauses and phrases Text structure: Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time, place and tense choice <i>Punctuation:</i> Pronouns and relative pronouns Adverbs Determiners Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity Spelling: Children are taught spelling through the Spelling Shed scheme, with on-line home learning task		 Scientific skills and concepts are embedded and developed in all science lessons and through a range of enquiry types. Children will also explore the following: Materials and their properties (chemistry): Changes of materials Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda 	 Art and design: Formal elements of art: Cityscapes Explore concepts of perspective, scale and proportion Develop sketching techniques Introduction to watercolour techniques and using ink pens Key Artist - Stephen Wiltshire Computing: Continue to develop and embed online safety skills, including logging on and off, safe searching, sharing information and how to identify a reliable website. Use search engines and navigate websites to search for information about the history of the Maya civilisation Explore features of PowerPoint including adding hyperlinks History: Maya civilisation Discover what Maya life was like around 900AD at the height of the civilisation Explore the Maya people with Anglo-Saxons and Vikings - another civilisation living in the world at that time Investigate what caused the decline of the civilisation Music: A stone-cold classic Focus: invasion games - hockey, tag rugby, football, basketball PSHE: Being Me In My World Religion and Worldviews (RW): Whose job is it to help? Focus on empathy, making a fairer world and how we can help. Focus on Christian Aid, Islamic Relief, Children in Need and Fair trade Spanish: Presenting myself, do you have a pet, Christmas
 Check your child completes the weekly home learning tasks set by the class teacher. Listen to your child read daily and update their Reading Record. Remind your child to learn and practise their spellings regularly and to use Spelling Shed's on-line games to help practise tricky words too. 	 Links to support learning and wellbeing: Please ensure your child accesses all their school on-line learning accounts from home regularly. Any technical issues, please contact ICT@trafalgarfederation.org.uk and for curriculum issues, contact your child's class teacher directly, using their specific class name, to <i>classname</i>@trafalgarfederation.org.uk. E-school: J2e; Maths: Times Tables Rock Stars; English: Spelling Shed; General: BBC Bitesize; Wellbeing: Access the Wellbeing tile through E-school for various resources 		Trips, visits and dates for your diary: Autumn term: Tues 5 th Sept – Thurs 21 st Dec 2023 Author Visit: Tuesday 19 th September 2023 Curriculum Evening: Thursday 5 th October 2023 Parents' Evenings: Tues 17 th Oct, Thurs 19 th Oct 2023 Half term: Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October 2023 INSET day: Monday 30 th October 2023 N.B. School starts after half term: Tues 31 st October 2023