



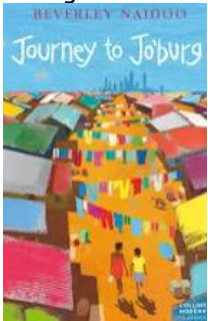
Quarry Mount Primary School
Half Termly Parent/Carer Information Sheet.



Year Group: Year 5
Date: Friday 4th September

Teacher: Mrs Clarkson
TA: Miss Patel

During this half term we will be focusing on the following themes in each of the National Curriculum Subjects

<u>English</u> In Writing, we will be writing a story opening based on our class novel 'Journey to Jo'Burg' by Beverley Naidoo. We will be using various punctuation and grammar skills such as commas, expanded noun phrases and similes. In Reading, we will be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts with a particular focus on word reading and understanding the meaning of vocabulary. 	<u>Mathematics</u> This half term, children will be learning about place value. We will learn Roman numerals to 1 000, read and write numbers to 1 000 000, find more or less than these numbers and partition numbers to 1 000 000. We will also complete our addition and subtraction unit where we will practise mental strategies, add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits and use inverse operations to check our answers. Children must ensure they are continuing with their timestable practise at home using TT Rockstars.	<u>Science</u> Our new topic in Science is 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. In this topic, we will be exploring everyday materials and discussing their properties. We will be conducting various investigations to identify how materials change when mixed together.
<u>Computing</u> This half term in computing, we will be using Purple Mash to learn how to be safe online and use databases. We will also complete the 'Quizzing' unit where we will explore different types of quizzes and identify their features, strengths and weaknesses.	<u>Geography & History</u> In History, we are learning about Nelson Mandela and the Civil Rights Movement. We will be adding key information on a timeline. In Geography, we are learning how to locate countries and features on a map. We will use 4 figure coordinates and begin to use 8 compass points to help us.	<u>Music</u> In Music, children will be learning to play clarinets with a specialist music teacher. We look forward to seeing them progress throughout the year!
<u>Art</u> In Art, our focus is drawing. We are going to be using various drawing skills to create our own portrait of Gerard Sekoto.	<u>PE</u> In P.E we are learning to play football and handball. The children will be developing their ball control skills and improving their coordination. P.E days are Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit to school on both days.	<u>Religious Education</u> In R.E we are learning why some places and journeys are special? We will learn about how different places and journeys are special to different religions and the reasons behind this.
<u>Personal Social & Health Education</u> In P.S.H.E. the children will be learning about 'Relationships and Identity'. During this unit the children will learn about role models, the impact of positive and negative words, grooming, friendships and the influence of the media.	<u>Modern Foreign Languages</u> In French, we will apply previous skills and knowledge of topic areas such as spellings and jobs and we will recap prior learning from Year 3 and 4. We will be learning the unit 'All around town' and practising our pronunciation of different French letter strings.	

Please help your child at home by:

- Reading with your child for 10/15 minutes a night.
- Helping your child practise their spellings to help prepare them for weekly tests.
- Support children in completing homework tasks.
- Support your child to learn their timetables.

Please let school know if you have changed your mobile number and remember to update your child's medical records if necessary.

Special dates this half term:

- Friday 25th September 2pm - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and Assembly
- Friday 2nd October - Harvest Celebration Assemblies (times TBC)
- Wednesday 7th October 3.30 - 5.30pm - Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 14th October 3.30 - 4.30 - Parents' Evening
- Friday 16th October - Individual school photos
- Thursday 22nd October - Mindmate coffee afternoon & Celebration assembly for parents
- Wednesday 4th November - 'We love reading' event for parents to come into classes (time TBC)
- Wednesday 11th November - Open day for prospective parents