

Arthur Bugler Primary School **Parent Information Booklet**



Year 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and are excited and ready to start 2022. This information booklet has been put together to keep all parents and carers fully informed of what their children will experience this term.

In English, we will be looking at a range of fiction, non-fiction texts and poetry linked to our Cornerstones topics. Throughout the Time Travellers topic, we will be writing stories focusing on significant authors, a biography, autobiography and poetry. In our Allotment topic, we will be writing stories from other cultures, non-chronological reports and play scripts. We will also be developing their sentence structures, grammar, punctuation and spelling skills as well as handwriting legibility.

In Maths, we will continue to develop and secure their arithmetic skills including their use of formal written methods of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction, as well as instant recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. During Maths lessons this term, our focus will be on working with fractions, decimals and percentages. We will learn how these relate to each other, how they apply to real life situations and how to use this understand to solve problems.

Time Traveller! (Our first Cornerstones topic)

Time stops for no man – not even us!

This half term, we'll travel and explore different time periods throughout history. We'll create a timeline of our lives and watch a time-lapse of human development. By taking close-up photographs, we'll be able to create our own Andy Warhol style prints and experiment to see how photographs can be changed and enhanced. Smile, please! We'll write adventure stories about the fascinating subject of time travel. Our science work will focus on the circle of life of animals. We'll also create clock artwork based on the style of Salvador Dali.

At the end of the ILP, we'll make collages to represent our hopes and dreams and create an electronic time capsule that represents life in the present day.

Help your child prepare for their project

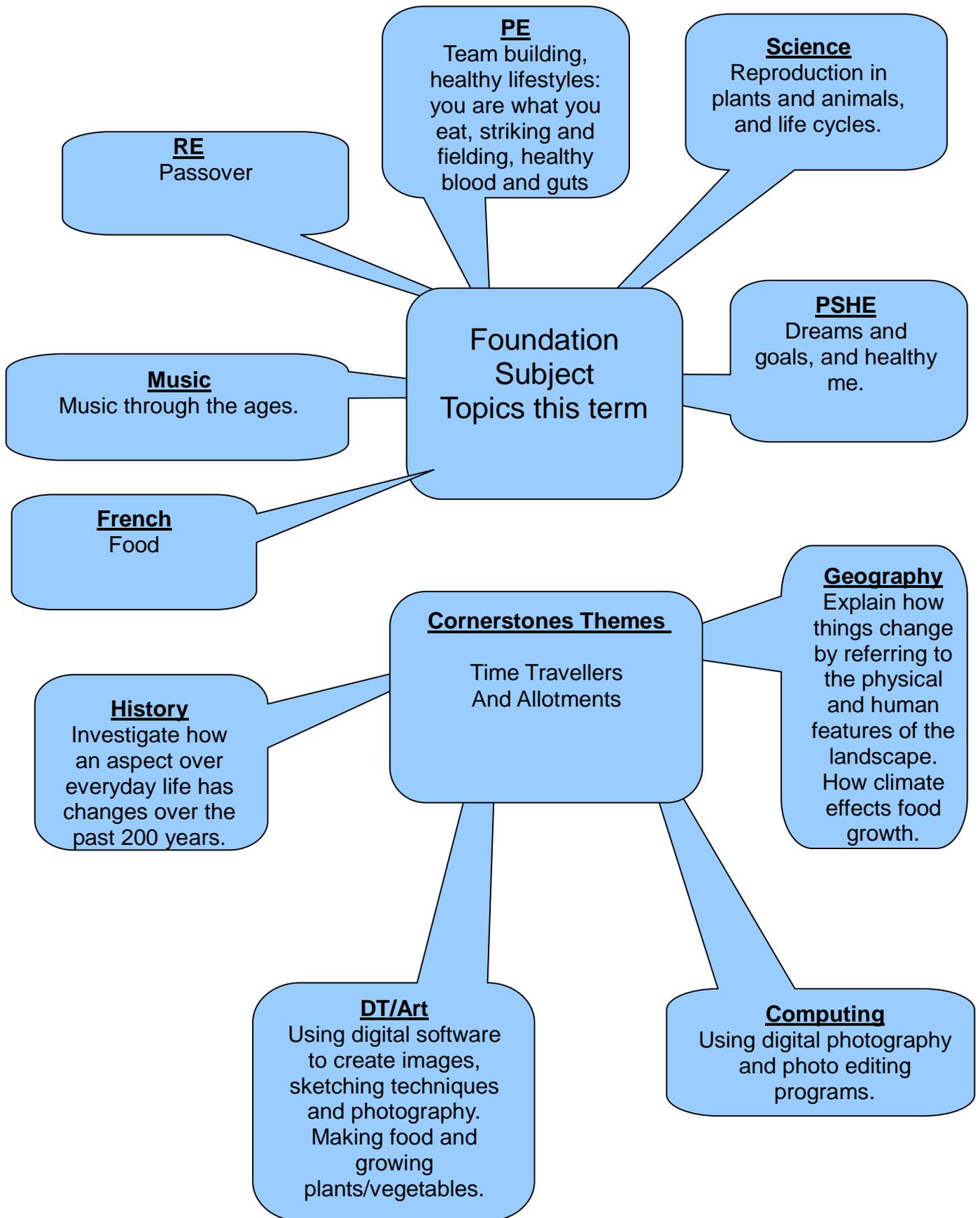
There's a wealth of knowledge about history in your own home. Why not look back at photo albums to see what your parents and grandparents looked like at your age? What clothes did they wear and what toys did they play with? You could also ask family members about their favourite memories and what school was like when they were a child. Alternatively, you could visit your local museum to look at toys, packaging and other objects from the past.

Allotment! (Our second Cornerstones topic)

Come on, let's grow! This half term, we'll visit an allotment to see what's growing and spot the greenhouses and frames that help the plants to grow. Our visit will inspire us to write a report about the allotment and investigate types of compost and biodegradable materials used. We'll use food from the allotment to make delicious dishes, and plant our own fruits and vegetables. Our art skills will improve as we make detailed observational drawings, using botanical images for inspiration. We'll write a set of instructions explaining how to plant a tree and learn how to care for plants. We'll explore germination, learn more about the parts of the plant and find out how they reproduce. Maps will help us to identify the best place for an allotment and where different foods come from. Once we've all got green fingers, we'll write poems to celebrate the wonder of the garden. We'll look at how well our plants have grown and make structures to support them.

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Where does our food come from? Why not explore food at home or at the supermarket to find out how far it has travelled? You could also visit a local farm or garden to look at the plants and structures. Alternatively, have a go at planting a sunflower seed and giving it all of the conditions needed to help it grow.



General Information

- PE uniform should remain in school at all times and will be sent home for washing at the end of each half term. Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.
- A weekly homework task will be set on Fridays and can be marked at home once it has been completed. Homework books should be brought back on Friday completed.
- Spellings – will be set on Friday on Spelling Shed and tested in school on the following Friday.
- Please listen to your child read every night at home so that they can continue to develop their reading skills. Log these reads on Go Read.
- Water bottles should be clearly named and brought into school every day.

Trips

To begin our Time Travellers topic, we will be hosting a Back to the Future Day whereby the children will explore different time periods throughout history! Hold onto those time machines!

In the second half term, we will begin our Allotment topic by spending the day at the school allotment engaging in a range of activities to get hands on with what our topic will involve.

If you do have any further questions and you wish to speak to us, please do not hesitate to contact us through Class Dojo or contact the office to arrange a phone call. We look forward to working closely with you and your child.

Thanks in advance for all of your help and support,

Mrs Matthews, Mrs Thatcher and Mrs Cordell

