



# YEAR FIVE WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Year 5 children,

Greetings!

The CATs tests are proceeding well and all classes should have completed the tests by Monday. Further to that, 5A and 5E will complete the International PIRLS tests on Sunday and Monday to complete our International benchmarking tests. We are still waiting on word from SLT on when we get back the results of the CATs and what the procedures are for feedback. I appreciate your patience and understanding on this.

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Please look at the link on the Weebly <http://areasoflearningjps.weebly.com/> to aid with ideas for homework and revision. Use the writing tab for example to help with sentences in your child's homework.

Congratulations to Rachel Higgins on being appointed Vice-Principal of JPS next year and Mr. Dave Baldwin taking on the role of Principal at Horizon School.

Homework is an important aspect of the school week and I would encourage parents to allow children to complete their work independently but to always be there to lend support and check their work.

Please use the curriculum objectives details below to revise work with your children. A good idea is to work on the areas to be covered before we do them in school; commonly known as **FLIP LEARNING**; which enables students to perform much better when the objectives are covered in class. **The Term's Curriculum outline is stored under the 'Curriculum Map' tab on the weebly for those who want to see what is being taught during Term 3.**



The Arabic Department has created a new resource for your child's learning of Arabic. Please see below under 'general'.

Thank you

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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### **CATs Tests and Assessments**

Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April and continuing for 7 days straight.

Maths and English assessment week: Week beg. 17<sup>th</sup> May

Arabic assessments: week beg 31<sup>st</sup> May

Islamic assessments: week beg 31<sup>st</sup> May & 7<sup>th</sup> June

French is ongoing throughout the term

### **Special Events**

Thank you for your continued support in attending our '*Special Events*' at school such as; Sports Day, Class Assemblies, and concerts.

Please note that siblings are **NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE CLASSES TO ATTEND ANY EVENTS** with the exception of; Year Group Music Celebrations, FS concerts and Sing and Swing concerts. This has been communicated with class teachers,

### **Class Assemblies**

**Mr. Brown - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Ms. Aldrich - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**



# GENERAL

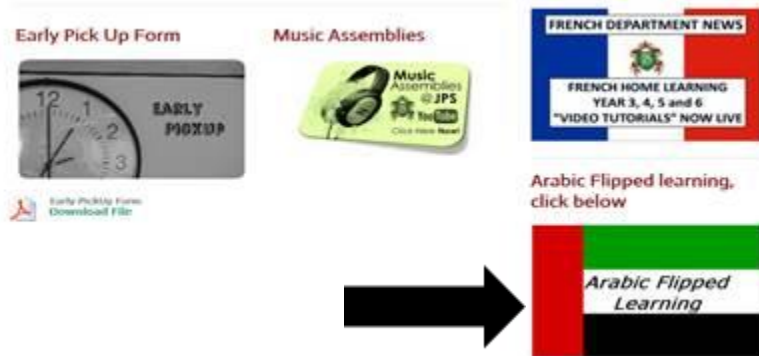
## Arabic

The Arabic department are proud to announce about Arabic Flip learning for the Non-Arabic speakers.

Arabic Flip learning designed to exposes students to their new learning at home and uses class time to apply new knowledge through activities it also enhance children's learning and help individual child take his or her next development plan.

And definitely the Arabic Flip learning will give the opportunity for parents to learn Arabic with their children!

You can find these flips on Weebly



I do look forward to hearing from you and know your feedback.

Yours sincerely

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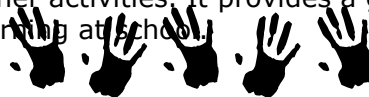
## Homework Guidelines

As a general rule, children should be reading for between 20 and 30 minutes every night (where possible). It is also expected that children spend another 20 to 30 minutes doing their homework. If a child has finished their homework then the children should be working on an educational website/revision work/projects or something independent that will promote their learning. The amount of homework/type of homework/time needed for homework can vary from week to week.

Importantly, if a child has spent the allotted time on homework and still has not completed it, then the child should be allowed to stop. Parents should provide a note on the work to inform the teacher that time has been spent on the work but you have not been able to complete it. If you have any questions, please email me: [PETER.C\\_JPS@gemsedu.com](mailto:PETER.C_JPS@gemsedu.com)

## Blogs

Please make sure you check your child's class blog weekly for pictures and videos of the children engaged in work and other activities. It provides a good platform for you to enquire about what your children are learning at school.



## P.E. KITS

As always, please ensure your child always has a PE kit and swimming kit at school (even when they are not timetabled for P.E.).

ASAs – Start next week - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

## Laptops and Devices: BYOD

Thank you to all those parents who have provided their children with devices to assist in their learning. The children are using a range of devices which are all suitable but **the laptops are the best** as they allow the children to type and to use a variety of presentation programs.

I will attach a document with specifics recommended by Gems Head Office for appropriate laptops in school.

## Responding to parent emails

When contacting your child's class teacher please expect a response within 24 working hours. If your child has an emergency appointment during the school day or a change of pick up arrangements please inform **info\_jps** rather than the class teacher. The admin staff will then inform the class teacher as to the relevant changes.

As you will appreciate a teachers day is a very busy one, teaching, marking and preparing for lessons, so any contact with parents is likely to be either before or after the school day. The children are our priority!

If you wish to contact your class teacher for a particular reason please ensure this is done so within the working week. Any emails received after 2:30pm on a Thursday afternoon or over the weekend will be responded to by the close of day on Sunday.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL AND TEACHERS

For your child's safety, it is of the utmost importance that the right people get messages concerning students during the day. Teachers can be away from the classroom/ school for a variety of reasons and cannot always pick up your messages. To ensure this happens please read below for details of when, how and who to communicate with during the school day:



- Any messages need to be sent to the class teacher **AND [Info\\_jps@gemsedu.com](mailto:Info_jps@gemsedu.com)**
- If the child is to ride/not ride the bus (email to be received by 1:00pm), kindly send an email to [Info\\_jps@gemsedu.com](mailto:Info_jps@gemsedu.com) and communicate with the bus conductors.
- Please email class teachers and [Info\\_jps@gemsedu.com](mailto:Info_jps@gemsedu.com) if you need to take your child out of school for an EMERGENCY medical appointment. Please give as much notice as possible. (Ideally 24/48 hours)
- All emails received before 3:00 pm on [Info\\_jps@gemsedu.com](mailto:Info_jps@gemsedu.com), will be answered on the same day.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

### Foundation Stage:

Uniform listed below except boys and girls wear JPS polo shirts and no ties.

### Boys: Years 1 to 6

JPS shorts

White short sleeve shirt (JPS logo on pocket)

**Short blue socks**

**Black shoes (trainers not acceptable)**

**Navy blue** pullover + JPS logo

JPS blue tie

### Girls: Years 1 to 6

White JPS blouse

JPS pinafore dress

**Short white socks** – these should be **plain white**

**Navy blue tights**

**Black shoes** (no heels. Trainers are not acceptable)

**Navy blue** cardigan + JPS logo

No nail varnish

No make-up

No jewellery, except for a small pair of stud earrings.

## **EARLY PICK OF CHILDREN**

I wanted to pass this information on to you regarding a new policy in JPS for 'Early Pick Up'. Due to an increase to the number of children leaving school before the end of the school day, our Senior Leadership Team are will now be the only members of staff within JPS who can authorise permission to leave school early. This policy took effect on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 as highlighted in the school newsletter. Therefore, I or any teacher in Year 5, is unable to grant permission for your request. The procedure at JPS requires parents/carers to



complete a 'Leave within the school day' requests form (attached). This is also found on the home page of [www.jumeirahprimary.weebly.com](http://www.jumeirahprimary.weebly.com).

This form needs to be completed and signed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team at least **24 hours ahead** of the early collection. The form must be accompanied by the appointment notification with the specialist. Doctors and Dentists who operate outside of school hours do not qualify as a reason to leave school. An emergency by its very nature will be the only exception to this rule.

Please note that children will not be sent down to reception until parents have arrived; this is in order to avoid situations which have recently occurred in which children have become upset whilst waiting for a parent at reception. This might mean you will need to plan an extra few minutes into your schedule on these occasions.

If you have any further queries please email our Assistant Head, Rachel Higgins [rachel.h\\_jps@gemsedu.com](mailto:rachel.h_jps@gemsedu.com)

## **CURRICULUM: TERM 3 OBJECTIVES**

### **ENGLISH OBJECTIVES: Term 3.1** **(WEEK 1-2)**

#### **Non-chronological Report (assessment)**

**FOCUS:** write a newspaper article related to the Topic (a person who has migrated to another country)

#### **GVP FOCUS:**

Expanded '-ed' clauses, e.g. Encouraged by the bright weather, Jane set out for a long walk. Terrified by the dragon, George fell to his knees.

### **(WEEK 3-4)**

#### **Poetry**

**FOCUS:** Write a Nonsense and Cinquain poem. This can be related to our Topic or Science if the children wish.

#### **GVP FOCUS:**

Punctuation – chn to be given a variety of texts minus punctuation which they have to imbed. Teach areas of weakness.

### **(WEEK 5-7)**

#### **Discussion (assessment)**

**FOCUS:** Write an essay based around our topic of Migration. This could be in the form of story written about migration from the perspective of a biography or just a story.

#### **GVP FOCUS:**

Elaborated adverbial phrases, e.g. Beyond the dark gloom of the cave, Zach saw the wizard move.

Throughout the restless, disturbed night, the wind howled like an injured creature.

### **(WEEK 8-9)**



**Narrative:**

**FOCUS:** Children will learn about making a TV or radio documentary. They will then choose a topic and create one. Can relate to Topic/Science.

**GVP FOCUS:**

Consolidate:

Punctuation, letter, word, sentence, capital letter, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark, 'speech marks', direct speech, inverted commas, bullet point, apostrophe (contraction & possession), commas

**MATHS OBJECTIVES: TERM 3.1****(WEEK 1-3)****ROMAN NUMERALS/MEASUREMENT**

- read Roman numerals to 1000 (M) and recognise years written in Roman numerals.
- estimate volume [for example, using 1 cm<sup>3</sup> blocks to build cuboids (including cubes)] and capacity [for example, using water]
- solve problems involving converting between units of time
- use all four operations to solve problems involving measure [for example, length, mass, volume, money] using decimal notation, including scaling.

**(WEEK 4-6)****PROPERTIES OF SHAPE/TIME**

- know angles are measured in degrees: estimate and compare acute, obtuse and reflex angles
- draw given angles, and measure them in degrees (o)

Identify:

- angles at a point and one whole turn (total 360o)
- angles at a point on a straight line and ½ a turn (total 180o)
- other multiples of 90o
- use the properties of rectangles to deduce related facts and find missing lengths and angles
- Time – analogue and digital time (telling the time to nearest minute)
- Solving time problems including use of schedules

**(WEEK 7-8)****STATISTICS (2 weeks)**

- solve comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in a line graph
- complete, read and interpret information in tables, including timetables.

**SOME WEBSITES FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO LOOK AT:**

- <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/index.html>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/materials/>
- <http://www.mymaths.co.uk/>
- [www.ixl.com/maths](http://www.ixl.com/maths)

**PROGRAMMING (ICT)**

- <http://scratch.mit.edu/>

## RECOMMENDED READING BOOKS YEAR 5 AND 6

### YEAR 5

Water Wings	Morris Gleitzman
Blabbermouth	Morris Gleitzman
Belly Flop	Morris Gleitzman
The Diddakoi	Rumer Godden
Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz
Walter and Me	Michael Morpurgo
Friend or Foe	Michael Morpurgo
Mister Monday	Garth Nix
Aquila	Andrew Norris
Harry and the Wrinklies	Alan Temperley
The Story of Tracy Beaker	Jacqueline Wilson
Double Act	Jacqueline Wilson
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens
Dragon Rider	Cornelia Funke
Journey To Jo'burg	Beverly Naidoo
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson
The Owl Service	Alan Garner
Pig Heart Boy	Malorie Blackman
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce
Watership Down	Richard Adams
The Wizard of Earthsea	Ursula K Le Guin
Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson-Burnett
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
Anne of Green Gables	L M Montgomery
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
Holes	Louis Sachar
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	Louis Sachar
Vicky Angel	Jacqueline Wilson
The Other Side of Truth	Beverley Naidoo
Harry Potter series	J K Rowling

### YEAR 6

Carrie's War	Nina Bawden
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr
Forgotten Voices of the Second World War	Max Arthur
The Diamond of Drury Lane	Julia Golding
Framed	Frank Cottrell Boyce
Homecoming	Cynthia Voigt
Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman
Knife Edge	Malorie Blackman





Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Sue Townsend
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
Mortal Engines	Philip Reeve
Clockwork	Philip Pullman
Dragon Keeper	Carole Wilkinson
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mark Haddon
Peter Pan	J M Barrie
Wizard of Oz	F Baum
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens
Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
The Railway Children	E Nesbit
The Borrowers	M Norton
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain
Alex Rider series	Anthony Horowitz
My Story series	Various authors
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	Ed. Otto H Frank
Boy Overboard	Morris Gleitzman
Sabriel	Garth Nix

**Regards**

**Pete Campion and the Year 5 Team**

