

Areas of the curriculum where you may be able to help your child this term. Thank you for your continued support. For any enquiries regarding curriculum email: emmaclark@crescentschool.co.uk.

English Ms Clark	Please support your children's reading and encourage regular quizzing. Find opportunities to look at a range of writing and poetry and what makes them different to one another, with a particular focus on fictional writing, persuasive texts and syllabic poetry. Help them to learn their spellings over the week, which are posted on Seesaw each Tuesday. Support the correct use of punctuation and high-level vocabulary in all their writing and encourage cursive handwriting and pride in their work. This term, the children can choose from a range of activities from an English homework grid, which will be posted on Seesaw. A completed activity should be handed in each Monday.
Maths Ms Clark	Encourage your children to learn their multiplication and division tables off by heart. Take any opportunity for mental maths e.g., money and change, time telling, estimating and counting. Encourage taking times table challenges on TT Rockstars and explore www.mathszone.co.uk or www.topmarks.co.uk . This term, maths homework will be set on Friday and is due in on Monday; it will usually be set on SeeSaw and should be completed in their homework books. Please avoid showing your child different methods to those taught in class – if in doubt, do feel free to ask.
PSHE Ms Clark	We will be discussing setting targets for ourselves; making plans and having goals; dealing with disappointment; resilience and having a positive attitude. We will also follow a unit of study addressing mental and physical health as we grow and change.
French Mrs Day	Ask your child to teach you French words! Our topics this term include clothes and colours. We will also study café drinks and snacks and fruit and vegetables. Pupils can use the Language Angels website in order to practise many of the topics we study. The login details for pupils to access the interactive games and karaoke videos are as follows: Go to www.languageangels.com Click on login and then pupil login which is the tab on the right (not teacher login which is the tab on the left). Username: la2023french Password: la2023french
Science Mrs Johnson	Science: Use everyday opportunities to discuss sound, how it travels and how volume and pitch can be changed. Ask your child to think about everyday objects that use both light and sound to work. Talk to your child about the function and hygiene of teeth and how they are an important part of the digestion system. Science homework is set on a Thursday and is due in on a Friday.
Computing Mr Adkins	Computing: This term we will be moving on to explore language-based programming using Logo Turtle Academy. Practising typing skills on typing.com is always incredibly useful, as well as having open discussions with your children about E-Safety and how we keep ourselves safe online.
Humanities Mrs Symons	History: Research and find interesting facts about ancient civilisations. Draw comparisons between these and the Indus Valley. Visit museums and share books. Find out what type of people lived there and their way of life.
Ms Forth	Geography: Be proactive and supportive in our fundraising efforts for the Bwengu Projects Malawi later in the term. www.bwenguprojects.co.uk
Ms Clark	R.E.: We will be considering what we can learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong before exploring the question 'Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?'.

Performing & Creative Arts Mrs Barnes Mrs Thackway Miss Woolfenden	Music: Encourage careful and analytical listening to a wide range of music. Art: The children will be exploring how colour and mark making can dramatically affect the mood of a painting. They will be studying the work of Pablo Picasso and exploring how he combined colour and unusual viewpoints to emphasise emotion. Speech & Drama: Please listen to your child reciting their chosen LAMDA poem, listen for emphasis, expression, body language, pace and volume. Practice conversations with your child, use a book to initiate a discussion. Also ask your child to explain their favourite book, character and section of the book.
Thinking Skills Ms Clark	Thinking skills covers a range of maths and English based tasks and activities, including, but not limited to, some 11+ preparation. Should you wish to practise this at home, the materials we use in school are the CGP guides, although the Bond ones are also very good. Building your child's vocabulary can also be incredibly useful in preparation; reading as much as possible is of course great for this, as well as 'word of the day' style calendars and apps. In Lent 2, there will be Thinking Skills homework. This will be a project based task due in by the end of term.
Sport Mrs McCollin and Mr Adkins	Invasion Games - Practise getting into the correct position to dribble, pass and shoot the ball in different ways. Swimming: Improve your child's stamina and water confidence by going for family swims. They can work on the technique that they have been working on in lessons as well.

Homework

Half Term/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lent 1	English	Spellings	History	Science	Maths
Lent 2	English	Spellings	Thinking Skills	Science	Maths
Plus	Reading / Speech and Drama				

Targets – The children will be using these in all lessons. Please encourage these in their homework too.

- T1** I must use capital letters and punctuation accurately.
- T2** I must spell correctly using texts, words on the board and dictionaries.
- T3** I must read through and check my work makes sense.
- T4** I must use neat, accurately sized and formed cursive handwriting.
- T5** I must use a pencil to draw diagrams, underline LO, title and date.

