Maths
This half term, pupils will develop their understanding of multiplication and division, exploring a range of methods and strategies. This will include written methods for short and long multiplication, finding factors and identifying prime numbers.

We will also continue to develop mental maths skills, focusing on strategies for all four operations. Alongside this, pupils will revisit and consolidate previously taught skills, including adding negative numbers, adding and subtracting fractions from whole numbers, and rounding to the nearest 10,000 and 100,000. Regular arithmetic practice will provide further opportunities to build fluency, accuracy and confidence with written methods and mental strategies.

English
This term, much of our writing will be inspired by our class book, Skellig. Pupils will develop their narrative writing skills, exploring how to create suspense and atmosphere to engage the reader. We will then move on to non-fiction writing, focusing on balanced arguments and discussion. Inspired by one of the characters in Skellig, pupils will explore the topic of home-schooling, considering different viewpoints and developing their skills in presenting and justifying opinions.

Reading
Pupils will continue to develop their reading fluency, using a range of strategies to support expression, pace and confidence when reading aloud. We will use our class book, Skellig, to further develop reading comprehension and deepen our understanding of the text. Alongside this, pupils will complete a range of comprehension activities based on different text types, giving them opportunities to practise and apply a variety of reading strategies when answering different question types.

What you can do to help:
- Practise rapid recall of times tables and division facts
- Practise understanding of related facts (3 x 5, 30 x 5, 30 x 50 etc)
- Talk about the value of digits within larger numbers e.g. the 4 in 542,750 is in the ten thousands column so is worth 40,000.
- Practice written methods for all four operations.

What you can do to help:
- Read regularly with your child, asking questions and discussing the text to check understanding and opinion of what they have read.
- Encourage them to read a variety of different authors and genres (fiction and non-fiction).
- Encourage your child to practise spellings and to read and write for pleasure.

Science
This half term our topic will be 'forces'. We will learn about and explore gravity, friction, air and water resistance and levers and pulleys. We will complete a variety of investigations, pose questions, present our findings in a variety of ways and draw conclusions.

Computing
In our Web Page Creation unit, children will learn how real websites are made and what makes them effective. They will explore examples of good design before planning and building their own simple website about a topic of interest. They will learn how to use hyperlinks to navigate between pages and assess how to use content responsibly.

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PE
Dance (Class PE) & Basketball (Colchester)

French
This half term we will be learning the days of the week, months of the year and numbers to 31 so that we can ask and state what the date is. We will also learn how to ask and answer when our birthday is.

Art
This half term, pupils will explore the work of local sculptor Billie Bond. They will investigate how she uses sculpture to explore and express themes of identity through her portraits of faces. Inspired by her work, pupils will develop their own ideas and create sculptures that reflect aspects of identity.

RE This half term, we will explore the question "*Was Jesus the Messiah?*" Children will learn about the Jewish expectations of a Messiah, how Christians believe these were fulfilled through Jesus, and what the concept of Incarnation means. We will also consider how Christians express these beliefs through their celebrations of Christmas today.	**PSHE** This half term, pupils will explore the importance of healthy relationships. They will consider commitment within different family relationships, identify the features of healthy and unhealthy friendships, and develop strategies to help them navigate and respond positively to friendship challenges.	**Geography** In this geography unit, we will explore the fascinating country of Iceland — a land shaped by fire and ice. We will learn about its dramatic volcanoes, glaciers, and geysers. We will look at its landscape and climate and compare life in Iceland to England, and discover how people live sustainably with Iceland's unique landscape.
Useful links: https://ttrockstars.com/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.natgeokids.com/uk https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znmmn39		

Monday	Reading records checked PE (Colchester)	**Additional Information:** Please can you ensure that all jewellery is able to be removed on PE days and that all items of school clothing are named. Please can reading books, reading records and a water bottle be brought to school every day.
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Homework due in PE (Class)	
Thursday		
Friday	Homework and spellings given out Spelling test	