



Harper Bell SDA Primary School

Home Learning Projects

Year 5 and 6

Week One

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to gain a better understanding of their own family. Learning may focus on the different makeup of families, what traditions your family has, stories linked to your family etc.

Writing Tasks

- Ask your child to write a diary entry/newspaper report summarising the events from the day. They can write this from their own perspective.
- Your child can think about a member of their family who is a hero/heroine to them. They can then create an information report about their chosen hero/heroine. Why not encourage them to interview that person and include some direct quotes from the interview?
- What makes your family different to other families? What makes them the same? Ask your child to write a poem about their family, they may even want to perform it too. .
- **Children should only be allowed to watch TV for one hour a day.** Do you agree/disagree? Write a discussion about this statement.
- **Story task:** Ask your child to design a setting for a story genre of their choice. They can think about any settings that they have encountered in stories before. They must then write a short description including expanded noun phrases.

Other Subjects

- **Music from the Past** - Your child can research music from the decade their parents, grandparents or other older family members were born. What were the most popular bands or singers during this time? Ask them to perform a song from this decade and create their very own dance routine. Encourage them to explain how they need to improve their performance in order to achieve their personal best.
- **Portraits and Photography**- Direct your child to take portrait photographs of their family members considering light and textures. Following this, they can then use the photographs to draw portraits in pen considering light and tone.
- **Classification**- Ask your child to design a classification key based on the simple physical features of their family. They can then test out the keys on each member of their family. Only use 'yes' or 'no' questions.
- **Nature vs Nurture**- Speak to your child about their appearance, their personality and their dreams for the future. How much of this do they believe is determined by their genes? How much of this is determined by their family/upbringing? Ask them to decide which traits are due to nature and which traits are due to nurture e.g. hobbies and interests or sense of humour. Try this out on other family members.
- **Mapping Skills** - Identify the countries or cities within the UK where their family members originate from or live. Children can then plot these on a map and then create a bar chart to show the number of family members who live/lived in each city/country.



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The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about the area in which they live. Learning may focus on your local area, famous people, key landmarks and links to your city.

Writing Tasks

- Ask your child to write a diary entry/newspaper report summarising the events from the day. This time, this must be the events for another family member.
- Your child must choose one of the local locations below and create a persuasive leaflet about this place. Places they could write about are: The Bull Ring, Cadbury World, Sarehole Mill or another place that interests them.
- Encourage your child to think of a local significant individual from the city or they can choose from the selection below. They can then write a set of questions to interview that person. Challenge your child by asking them to answer the questions in role as that person. People they could choose from are: George Cadbury, Joseph Chamberlain or Benjamin Zephaniah.
- HS2 (The high speed railway line) should continue to be built. Do you agree/disagree? Your child can write an argument about this statement.
- Story Task: Your child can now invent a new character for their very own story. They must think about the setting they created last week and how their character would fit in to this. They must also consider the audience they want their story to appeal to.

Other Subjects

- **An Architectural Masterpiece-** Give your child the task of designing a new building/structure to inspire the residents of their local town or city. They must research, plan, design and then make a model of it using materials from around the house. Ask them to create a criteria for success and then evaluate their model against this.
- **Promoting Your Local Area-** Tell your child that a visitor from another country is coming to stay in the city for a week. They really need to impress them by showing them the most interesting places in their local area. Where would they take them each day? Plan the itinerary for each day detailing the transport that will be taken to each location, how long will be spent there, what will be eaten and any activities that may take place.
- **Where in the World? -** Show your child how to use Google Earth or Google Maps to look at the geographical features of Birmingham, Aberystwyth and Perth (Australia). How are these places the same? How are these places different? What impacts the similarities and differences? After, they can then choose three different places and do the same thing. Do they notice any patterns?
- **Places of Worship -** St Martin's, Central Mosque, Birmingham Central Synagogue, Birmingham Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Shri Venkateswara Hindu Temple and Peace Pagoda Birmingham are all places of worship in Birmingham. Can your child order them on a timeline based on the year they were built? Why do they think some of these places

were built more recently, whilst others were built many years ago? Do they think the society they live in has had an impact on this?

- **Cadbury's: A timeline**- the Cadbury family had and still have a significant impact on Birmingham, in particular Bournville. Your child can create a timeline detailing the history of the company. Remind them to include dates and details of significant events. How did Cadbury impact the local area positively in the 1800s? How does Cadbury impact the local area positively now?
- **Graffiti Art** - Digbeth is the home to its own Graffiti Art Walk, but has graffiti always been seen in a positive light? How have attitudes towards graffiti changed over time? Is all graffiti good? Discuss these questions with your child and then ask them to design their own graffiti art using paper and crayons or felt tips.



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The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about different viewpoints. Learning may focus on physical viewpoints in terms of what you can see outside of the window at home, what others can see looking into your home and then progress onto personal viewpoints and of others.

Writing Tasks

- Ask your child to write a blog post summarising the events from the day/week. Encourage them to think about how the language they use may be more informal.
- Your child will be composing an email or writing a formal letter to a 12 year child from a country of their choice. Ask them to describe what is happening in the world at the moment. They can then compose a reply. How does each world differ?
- Encourage your child to put themselves in their Mum's or another family member's shoes. Can they write a poem about how they might be feeling with what is happening in the world currently?
- **People should be able to express their opinion on social media platforms.** Do you agree/disagree? Your child can write a discussion about this statement.
- **Story Task:** They've now created a setting and character for a story genre of their choice. Talk to your child about what is going to happen in their story? Ask them to plan their story thinking about a book of the same genre. Whose viewpoint are they going to write the story from?

Other Subjects

- **Viewpoints and Mood** - Ask your child to look into a room in the home and think about how it makes them feel. They can then either draw something linked to how they feel when looking in the room or draw an object from the room and then colour, shade or paint it in a colour that reflects their current mood.
- **Birmingham Views-** The Alpha Tower, The Rotunda and the BT Tower are just some of the famous viewpoints within Birmingham. Your child can choose a Birmingham viewpoint and use Google Earth or Google Maps to create an accurate scaled map of the location of the landmark. They may wish to identify all of the Birmingham viewpoints on their map.
- **Viewpoints from Around the World** - Your child can research famous viewpoints from around the world (e.g. The Eiffel Tower). Ask them to draw what they think they would see from this viewpoint. After this, they can design and create a miniature scale of the landmarks that give these viewpoints. Encourage them to evaluate their creations.
- **A change in Viewpoints-** How did Martin Luther King and Rosa Park's actions and views shape society today? Challenge your child to compare and contrast viewpoints from then and now on people's race, culture and religion. How has this improved society's attitudes towards those who are different to ourselves?
- **Debate-** Is good more powerful than evil? Is it worse to fail at something or never attempt it in the first place? Is it more important to be liked or respected? Ask your child to choose a question to answer, write a speech and use real -life examples to justify their opinion.



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The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about key animals they are interested in. Learning may focus on exploring the physical aspects of an animal, their habitat, categorising animals etc.

Writing Tasks

- Write a diary entry/newspaper report summarising the events from the day/week.
- Your child can write a formal letter to West Midlands Safari Park persuading them to close the park. They must justify their opinions with factual information.
- Choose an animal of their choice and think about how it moves, what sounds it makes and the environment that it lives in. Your child can then write a poem based around these ideas. They can repeat this activity for different animals.
- Your child now has an in-depth story plan. They can begin to write their story considering the devices needed for their genre. How will the dialogue convey their character and advance the action?
- ***Animal's hearts should be cut up for science experiments.*** Do you agree/disagree? Ask your child to write a discussion about this statement.

Other Subjects

- **Animals and their Environment-** Your child can describe how animals such as Emperor Penguins, chimpanzees and orcas have adapted to suit their environment. They can do this by writing a short summary after carrying out some research. After this, ask them to design a new wondrous animal that has evolved to suit its environment considering the environmental changes it has had to face over recent years.
- **Where Animals Originate From -** Ask your child to locate on a world map where different animals originate from and research why they live in these environments. Things for them to consider when researching why they originally lived in these countries are:
 - Food sources
 - Climate
 - Weather
 - Terrain
- After doing this, ask them to think about how the animals they have selected have adapted so that they are able to live in the UK. Present your findings as a poster or in a PowerPoint presentation if they have access to a PC.
- **Life Cycles -** Ask your child to research a mammal, an insect, an amphibian, a reptile and a bird. They can then choose one and draw the life cycle of an animal and label the diagram accordingly. How does the life cycle of the chosen animal differ to a human life cycle?
- **Animal Prints-** Using a variety of media (this could be materials from around the house such as cloth, newspapers or magazines, felt, etc.), ask your child to create animal prints for a mammal, an insect, an amphibian, a reptile and a bird of their choice. After, they can create a collage of the animal prints they have made. They could always use a pencil or pen to sketch the animal prints!



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Week Five

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about the environment. Learning may focus on changes to different environments, the impact of humans on environments, climate change etc.

Writing Tasks

- Ask your child to predict what will happen at home over the next week. They can record this in a newspaper format.
- Explain to your child that they must write a persuasive letter to their headteacher about the importance of recycling at school. Get them to research the impact of recycling using books or the internet to find facts and statistics to support their argument.
- Your child can write a biography about David Attenborough. Remind them to include information about his life, how he has helped the environment and the positive impact he has had on global changes.
- **Seaworld should close.** Seaworld is a theme and marine park based in Orlando, America. It is home to giant turtles, orcas and bottlenose dolphins to name a few. Does your child agree/disagree with the above statement? Ask them to write a discussion based on the above statement considering both sides of the argument.
- **Story Task:** Your child has now written the opening of their story. They can continue writing their story thinking carefully about the range of conjunctions, pronouns and adverbials that are most suitable.

Other Subjects

- **Endangered Species-** The tiger, Amur leopard, orangutan, sea turtle and the Sumatran elephant are some of the most endangered animals on the planet. Ask your child to choose an animal from one region and describe how it has evolved to suit its habitat. Now ask them to consider how their chosen animal may need to adapt due to the current environment and human threats it faces. Create an informative leaflet about the threat the animal faces and what humans can do to minimise these threats.
- **Upcycling, upcycling-** Encourage your child to choose an item within the house that they do not really use anymore - this could be an old item of clothing, accessory or household item - and upcycle it to make a new item that they will use. Ask them to evaluate the product and identify any areas that they could improve if they were to make it again. They may even want to write a set of instructions so that other people can upcycle the same item too.
- **Protecting our Oceans-** Marine life faces a number of threats including plastic pollution, tourism, habitat destruction, ocean warming and overfishing. How can we make a difference now? Discuss this question with your child and ask them to sketch an image representing the impact society is having on today's oceans using a drawing material of their choice. Afterwards, they may wish to sketch an image of an ideal ocean environment. Encourage them to use websites and books to find out what makes the best environment for marine life to flourish (you may wish to direct them to the Great Barrier Reef and its significance).

- **Do People Intentionally Damage an Area?** - Ask your child to imagine that a new park, housing development, restaurant or other structure is being built on green land near their home. How might this be positive for the environment? How might this be negative for the environment? Create a poster that explains the pros and cons of this new development. Consider wildlife, air and noise pollution and jobs.
- **Air Quality Improvement** - Air quality has been debated across the globe and many are concerned that pollution is making the quality of air poor in many countries. However, in Birmingham they are introducing 'Clean Air Zones' from around July 2020. With this in mind, ask your child to create a set of questions that they could ask their parents, grandparents or other family members about how their local area of Birmingham has changed over time. Afterwards, they can interview their family members and then make a video news report about what they have discovered.



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Week Six

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more food. Learning may focus on where different foods originate from, what makes a healthy meal, opportunities to cook etc.

Writing Tasks

- Ask your child to continue to write a diary entry/newspaper report summarising the events from the day/week.
- Your child can write a recipe to make a healthier option for making a pizza. Think about which ingredients they could switch so that this delicious treat is better for them. Test the recipe out!
- How does the human digestive system work? Get your child to write an explanation describing this and include diagrams to represent their explanations.
- There are lots of different types of food available for people to eat in the UK. Ask your child to write a rap about food. This could be about a particular food group or their favourite meal.
- ***Fast food establishments should not be within one mile of schools.*** Do you agree/disagree with the above statement? Your child will debate both sides of the argument.
- **Story Task:** Your child may be coming towards the end of their story. Ask them to start to think about how to conclude their story. Will the problem be solved? How has their main character changed and how will they show this through their language choice?

Other Subjects:

- **Which Foods Contain the Most Sugar?** Your child must choose a selection of food items from the food cupboard, fridge and freezer. They will then identify the nutritional label and record the amount of sugar that each food contains. Once they have gathered the information, ask them to record the sugar contents on a pie chart and evaluate the data. How will their findings change what they eat?
- **Plough to Plate-** Ask your child to choose a food from any of the 6 main food groups. They will then locate the country/countries of origin on a world map and work out how far the food item travels to get to their plate. Following this, ask them to sketch a diagram detailing the journey the food has taken and add captions and timeframes. What could we do to reduce how many miles our food travels?
- **Creative Creations-** Cadburys are launching a new chocolate bar. Your child will create a criteria for Cadbury chocolate packaging by researching current Cadbury products. Once they have a criteria, they will use this to design their own packaging (they may want to do this on a computer if they have access to one). Finally, ask them to gather some feedback from the family about the design. They will use the feedback to adapt and refine the design. After creating the chocolate bar, your child can then compose a jingle that could be used in an advert. This could be created by using household items such as pots and pans or by using these virtual [instruments](#).

- **Come Dine with Me** - Your child is responsible for creating a three course meal for four family members. They need to create the recipes for a starter, main meal and dessert. Ask them to think about what ingredients they will need to make your recipe and write a shopping list of items. They will then research how much the ingredients will cost using a supermarket website of their choice. Where is the most cost effective place to buy the ingredients? They could then test out a recipe by making it for dinner that evening. Family members may even wish to score each course!
- **A Balanced Diet** - Ask your child to think about the food a toddler might eat compared to an adult athlete. They will then choose five different types of people (e.g. a child, teenager, athlete, teacher etc.) and draw a plate of food that will ensure they are eating a healthy, balanced diet. Underneath each plate, they must justify why they have chosen these foods. Get them to think about the calorie intake each of these individuals might need. Can some people have more of one type of food group? If yes, why can they?



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Week Seven

This project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about celebrations. Learning may focus on different types of celebrations that take place and who may celebrate them. It could look at how people celebrate different events differently in other parts of the world.

Writing Tasks:

- Ask your child to write a diary entry/newspaper report summarising the events from the day/week
- Get your child to create a newspaper report of the day they were born- include weather on the day, stories in the news, etc. Can they find any famous people who were born on that day?
- Celebrate a local person- ask your child to write a list of local people worth celebrating. Afterwards, get them to write an information report about the contribution the top three have made to their community.
- Ask your child to select a celebration from their culture and generate a multiple choice quiz about this event.
- **Birthdays should not be celebrated.** Does your child agree or disagree with the statement above? Ask them to justify their opinion using facts.
- **Story Task:** As your child has now completed their draft version of their story, ask them to use this time to proofread their writing for any spelling or grammar errors. Following this, ask them to make sure the tense is consistent throughout and that the word choices they have made to convey meaning to the reader.

Other Subjects:

- **Planning a Celebration-** it's time to plan a celebration event of their choice. This could be a birthday party, an Eid celebration, an Easter hunt or anything else they wish to plan. Tell them they have £150 to spend and 25 guests will be attending. What will the money be spent on? Ask them to plan the celebration considering the location of the event, how they will decorate the venue, what their guests will eat and drink and how they will entertain their guests. Get them to detail the timings of the event and any timings for preparation.
- **Time to Design-** Can they imagine their perfect celebration outfit? What would it look like? What would it be made from? How comfortable would it need to be? Ask them to design a costume for a celebration of their choice. Think about the patterns they would like to incorporate on their design and the cultural traditions.
- **Birthdays around the World-** Birthdays are celebrated differently in different countries. Write an information report detailing how birthdays are celebrated in the following countries: China, England, Spain, Italy and Mexico. Ask your child which country would they like to celebrate their birthday based on their findings? Why?
- **What's the same and what is different? -** Select a holiday/festival of their choice and research how different countries around the world celebrate this event. They could compare whether it is celebrated at the same time, the outfits people wear, the food eaten etc. Make a video, poster or report of the things they have discovered.
- **British Celebrations-** In Great Britain, Valentine's Day, St Patrick's Day and Bonfire Night are just some of the celebrations that take place. Ask your child to choose one celebration day and research how the celebration came to be. Using the information they have found, plot the events on a timeline and include dates, details and pictures/sketches. Now create a poster advertising the celebration day. This could be done on a computer programme of your choice or on paper.