



Newsletter

Spring Term 2024 - Year 5

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Welcome to the Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Spring Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs. Navratil or Miss Gharo directly, in the first instance.

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Topic—Wonders of the Tropics!

Travel back in time to the era of the Maya. Here we will discover about Mayan civilisation in AD 900 looking at key characteristics of daily life and how they compare to modern day living now. Also we will look into why the Maya declined. We will design and make our own Mayan masks based on our research. Whilst in South America, we will look at the geographical features focusing on key human and physical features whilst comparing to the United Kingdom. Also we will create our own rainforest pictures using the artist Henri Rousseau for inspiration.



Maths

In Maths we are continuing to develop our fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills, especially in the following areas. We will focus heavily on fractions, decimals and percentages, identifying, naming and writing equivalent fractions of a given fraction. We will continue to work on our understanding of all 4 operations with the aim to achieve stage 8 in our calculation stages by the end of the year. We will also focus on finding the perimeter and area of shapes and on identifying factors, multiples, prime numbers and composite numbers. We will continue to do our regular work on mental maths and arithmetic skills. We will be ensuring these skills are secure by our daily 'Fluent in 5' sessions which will maintain our fluency in our calculations.



English

To start the new term, we will be focusing on narrative poetry using the poem— 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes which will result in the children creating a class performance. In writing, we will be writing a diary entry in the role of one of the characters and a newspaper report based on the Highwayman's death! Also in our English lessons this term, we will be basing our reading and writing on 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. The children will use the text as a stimulus for a number of pieces of writing including letters, diary entries and discussion texts. They will really focus on the feelings of different characters at different points in the story.

In order to continue to develop our writing, we will be working on using commas to mark clauses and extra information.



Further Information

Topic Day- Wednesday 8th February

PE— This will take place on Mondays and Fridays.

On a Monday this term, we will be focusing on developing our Dance skills focusing on the unit 'City Life' which will be delivered by specialist coaches from Soccer 2000. On a Friday, Soccer 2000 will be leading lessons linked to gymnastics skills. Gymnastics will involve the unit focusing on bridges and flight and evaluating and improving each others' performances. We must ensure we have suitable PE kits, including footwear, in school for every PE lesson and remove all jewellery.



Art In Art, we will be commenting on historical Maya masks using technical vocabulary. After this, we will be focusing on proportions and using lines to show emotions to recreate a Maya mask using clay and paper mache.

RE— In RE, we will be learning the key beliefs and practices of Islam found in the five 'pillars' and how these affect the way Muslims live their life.

Diary Dates

22.01.24— Young Voices
31.01.24— Year 5 Eucharist
23.02.24— Year 5 Come Dine With Me
01.03.24— INSET
07.03.24— World Book Day
13.03.24— Parents' Evening 3.30 -5.30pm
14.03.24— Parents' Evening 5pm— 8pm

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