

English

We will start the Autumn term looking at legend stories, focussing on a famous Anglo Saxon story, called 'Beowulf'. The children will have the opportunity to write their own legend stories, using Talk for Writing to guide them. In addition, we will be teaching the children different styles of figurative language such as similes, metaphors, alliteration and personification.



In the second half of the Autumn term, we will be beginning our space unit. During this unit, the children will have the opportunity to write information texts and make their own leaflets and biographies. We will finish off our Year 5 English lessons with writing adventure stories. Throughout this term, we will continue with our Riveting Writing regularly to give the children opportunities to write independently.

Maths

This year, In Maths we will be continuing to use the Maths Mastery approach in lessons. We will start the year with Place Value followed by addition and subtraction and then statistics. After the half term



holiday we will cover multiplication and division as well as perimeter and area.

Times tables are incredibly important and we will be practising these regularly and encourage the use of TT Rockstars at home; the children's logins for TT Rockstars, My Maths and Purple Mash will be sent home shortly. Please encourage the children to look on these sites regularly for Maths activities, which can further consolidate their learning in school.

Personal Social and Health Education

We will be introducing the new whole school scheme called Jigsaw which focusses on the children's social and emotional development. Each term has a theme so we will start with looking at 'My Year Ahead' and then move onto 'Being a Citizen of my Country'. This will include facing new challenges positively, setting personal goals and understanding their rights and responsibilities.

Science

We will continue looking at the different properties of materials, thinking about what makes them suitable for their everyday use. We will also learn about how materials can change their state. During the Autumn term, the children will have the opportunity to investigate and conduct experiments with a variety of materials; these activities will be linked to our new STEM focus (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) After the half term holiday, we will begin our Space topic, whereby the children will discover what causes day and night, seasons and different features of a variety of planets.



History and Geography

In History, we will look be looking at the Anglo Saxons, finding out how they came to settle in Britain. We will be looking at what life was like in an Anglo Saxon settlement, what clothes they wore, the jobs they did and the weapons they used! For the second half of the term, our topic is North America. The children will learn about the physical and human geography of North America.

Art

During our Art lessons, we will be studying a local artist – Andrew McDermott (whom you may remember from our MK 50 art project). We will be linking our creativity with our History topic, the Anglo Saxons. The children will have an opportunity to design and make their own Anglo Saxon brooches from clay. In the second half of the term we have a new printing unit and we will be inspired by the North American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Music

In music we will be using the Charanga schemes of work! Our first unit this half term is Living on a Prayer whereby the children will learn and perform the song. In term 2 we will be moving on to our unit on Jazz music, where the children will learn about the instruments involved and features of a jazz song!

Physical Education

This term, Year 5 will be learning invasion games, where they will learn to attack, defend and play competitive games. Please could you make sure that your child has suitable outdoor shoes and PE kits are named and always in school.



Religious education

We will be thinking about and discussing 2 key questions – Does God communicate with Humans? (Christianity focus) and Do Muslims need the Qur'an? (Islam focus) as well as cracking Christmas with the help of Bridgebuilder. We are hoping to involve you – our families.

Computing



We will be using Purple Mash to look at 2 units this term – Online Safety and Coding.

French

In terms 1 and 2 they will be learning the key vocabulary around the themes of 'On the way to school' and 'Healthy Eating'.

Helping Your Child at Home

Please can you listen to your child read at least three times a week and record this in their reading record. They will be collected in weekly and book points awarded. Learning Logs will be given out on a Wednesday to be due back in the following Monday. In addition to their Learning logs, the children may be given either a grammar or maths task to complete alongside their learning logs in preparation for Year 6. Lastly, spelling lists will go home, and be tested every Friday.

If you wish to discuss how you can help your child further at home, please make an appointment via the school office.

Kindest Regards.
The Year Five Team

Curriculum Newsletter

Learning in Year 5



'A place where everyone flourishes'

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Terms 1 and 2