

Year 5 Spring Term



English

In our English lessons, we will be looking at writing an informal letter based on the book *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo.

We will be focusing on:

- Describing settings, characters and atmosphere.
- Organising our writing into paragraphs.
- Using informal language.
- Evaluating and editing our work.
- Drawing inferences from characters thoughts and feelings.

Year 5 are reading...



Children will read 1:1 and in small groups in our Reading Practice sessions. They will be reading a wide variety of texts and developing their fluency, pace and stamina. In Reading Practice, they will develop their retrieval and inference skills. The author focus this term is Abi Elphinstone. All children should read at least 3x per week at home. Reading books will be collected in on Wednesdays.

Maths

Our maths units this term will focus on developing children's fluency and:

- Multiplying and dividing up to 4 digit numbers.
- Adding and subtracting fractions.
- Multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers.
- Dividing 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.
- Diving with remainders.
- Multiplying fractions.
- Reading and writing decimals up to 3 decimal points.
- Writing percentages as fractions and decimals.
- Measuring perimeter and area.

Science

As scientists, we will be:

- Exploring how we know that the Earth is spherical.
- Naming and describing features of planets in our solar system.
- Exploring how planets move in our solar system.
- Explaining the Earth's rotation and how this causes a day night cycle.
- Explaining how the moon orbits the Earth.



Art

Our topic this term focuses on drawing, the unit is called 'portraits'. We will be developing our drawing skills by:

- Developing our observational drawing.
- Creating a continuous line drawing.
- Creating a collage and then drawing this from observation.
- Upscaling a drawing and painting it accurately.
- Using our imagination to create an original piece of artwork.



Homework

- Homework will be set every Friday.
- Please listen to your child read 3x per week and return their reading books on a Wednesday to be changed.
- This term there will also be a space project to complete.

History

As historians, pupils will:

- Extract information about Henry VIII from portraits and written records.
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As designers, we will be:

- Creating their own stuffed toys.
- Creating a proportional design template.
- Joining two pieces of fabric using a blanket stitch.
- Using decorative stitching to decorate the front of their toy.
- Using blanket stitch to assemble their stuffed toy.



Music

As musicians, we will be:

- Singing a traditional African song unaccompanied.
- Using tuned percussion to play a chord progression.
- Using vocals and tuned percussion to perform a piece of music as an ensemble.
- Play call and response rhythms using percussion instruments.



PSHE & RE

In our RE lessons we will be looking at the disposition: Being honest, open and truthful.

In our PSHE lessons we will be learning about how we can stay safe.



Computing

This term in our computing E-safety lessons we are using Project Evolve to look at how to search carefully using different online tools and understand more about keeping ourselves safe online.

We will be coding, building on previous learning to predict, try out, debug and retest their code to achieve results and improve outcomes within Free Code Gorilla. We are also using concept maps to develop and create stories.



PE

This term in PE, the children will focus on dance and fitness. Children should come to school on these days in their school PE kit.

In our lessons they will be:

- Developing set choreography.
- Choosing actions to create a motif in a given character with consideration of dynamics, space and relationships.
- Using structure to choreograph a dance performance.

Please note 5D will be swimming on a Wednesday this term.

5L will have P.E on Monday, and both Classes will have P.E on a Thursday.

