

Year 5 Autumn Term Curriculum Information



English

Year 5 will begin their year by reading a selection of picture books, specifically chosen to open up discussions about our feelings, dealing with change and their return to school.

Next, pupils will explore the work of William Shakespeare and read Julius Caesar. Our focus in this text will be writing effective openings. Children will first explore what makes the opening of our text effective and then will work on developing skills around, creating moods, using the senses and powerful word choice to create their own version of an opening. They will also use dialogue, with all the related speech punctuation, to advance the action.

Ensuring children are spelling confidently will be a priority, so weekly preparing for weekly spelling tests will be essential, as well as their spelling lessons in school.

To help at home, we would like for all children to be reading daily. Reading provides the basis of so much learning and understanding of the world.

Mathematics

We will begin the term by developing the children's understanding of place value to 1 million. Children will further their understanding of patterns in number sequences and make predictions about terms. Children will also improve their number skills in relation to the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). They will then use these skills to solve multistep word problems. As always, it is important that children develop their fluency in times tables, and this can be done best by regular practice, at home and in school.

Science: We begin the year learning about Properties and Changes in Materials. Pupils will build on their prior knowledge of solid, liquids and gases and work scientifically to learn about the how materials behave, separating mixtures and reversible and irreversible change. They will carry out numerous fair tests and consider different ways in which they will record and present their findings.

History/Geography – This term we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. Firstly, we will learn about the geographical location of Egypt and what was Ancient Egypt. We will also study the importance of the river Nile. We will study how Ancient Egyptians lived, their belief systems and the difference between mono and polytheistic beliefs. We will learn about mummification and what the Ancient Egyptians believed about life after death.

PSHCE & RE – We will be looking at setting goals and how inner forces impact on our behaviour.

Music – Our guitar lessons continue every Friday – practice makes perfect, everybody.

Spanish – Learning and consolidating the language of number and buildings. Conversational phrases.

Computing – Online Safety and Graphical Drawing

PE – Children will cover Bollywood Dancing and Tag Rugby.

Art – Children will have an Art Appreciation lesson every other week on CAT day (Thursday)