



Curriculum Information for Parents
Year 5 - Spring Term 2018

Literacy

In Literacy and in our guided reading and writing sessions, we will look at a range of different texts, including:

- journalistic writing
- narrative
- diary entries and official logs
- stories that include cultural changes
- viewpoint

Our Guided Reading sessions will form part of the Literacy lesson as we unpick different text features in order to support writing. The first book we will be looking at is A Story Like The Wind by Gill Lewis.

Maths

Our daily Maths lessons and mental maths sessions this term will include...

- Place value and ordering numbers with up to five digits, including using decimals with one or two decimal places
- Counting forwards and backwards through zero
- Add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits using expanded and shortened column methods
- Identifying multiples and factor pairs of a number, including those who result in a prime number
- Multiplying and dividing numbers with 2 or 3 digits using known times table facts
- Continuing to recall and use times table facts accurately, quickly and efficiently for all times tables.
- Comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, including improper fractions

We will also include mental maths work covering the rapid recall of times tables and related division facts.

Science

We will be learning about what sources create light and how it travels through different objects. We will also be looking at electricity and creating circuits that have different purposes.

Our learning unit is...

EXPLORATION



PE Days

Children will need their indoor and outdoor kits on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please check they have suitable footwear and that all kit is named.

Learning Values

This half term we will be looking at our new learning value - Resilience.

The children will be working towards becoming resilient learners and citizens while building on their Respect and Collaboration skills.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

Please see your child's selection of homework activities to help support your child's learning over the half term.

Weekly Homework

Your child will receive weekly spellings and times table practise on a Monday. Spelling tests will take place on the following Monday.

Reading Books

Please support your child by hearing them read at least three times a week and asking them questions on what they have read. When your child reads, please ensure that their reading diary is completed and that it is brought into school every day. We encourage the children to change their books on a regular basis. If you notice that a particular book remains unchanged, then please let us know.

Online Learning

Your child has access to Bug Club and Mathletics at home to practise their reading, maths and spelling skills. Log on details can be found in their reading diary.

During this unit, our learning will include...

PE

Orienteering - following and guiding around a course, including using maps in order to be explorers.
Gym - balances and counter balances, including exploring how to travel on and off apparatus

History and Geography

We will be looking at how explorers have changed the way we live today. The children will be finding out about famous explorers and what changes this led to throughout history. We will also be finding out about the countries that have been discovered by various expeditions.

Personal, Social and Moral Education

Going for Goals - Identifying personal targets and aiming for resilience
Good to Be Me - Identifying personal strengths and what makes us an individual and how to be independent.

Religious Education

Sacred Places - Looking at their features and significance for different religions
Symbolism - Looking at sacrifice and how it is symbolised and recognised by Christians

Languages

As part of our work on explorers and discoveries, we will be learning about the different languages around the globe.

Art & Design Technology

Printing - Looking at printing techniques and representing a journey through printing.
Global Food - Later in the term we will be tasting different meals and constructing our own street food.

Computing

We will be building our own electronic games and developing our presentation skills.

Music

Our music will be exploring different sounds and music around the World.