

Autumn term 2023



Year 5

Year 5 will be taught by Miss Bradley, supported by Mrs O'Hanlon

English

Our work in English will focus on narrative writing, recounts and report texts. We will also explore and write a range of poetry. There will be a strong emphasis on grammar, paragraphs, sentence structure and appropriate use of punctuation. Much of our comprehension, guided reading and writing work will focus around our Whole Class Texts: 'Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, and 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.



Mathematics

The focus for this term will be to develop greater confidence and fluency in place value and number. We will also explore some wider areas of the curriculum, such as shape and measure, which will consolidate our understanding of number even further. We will apply all our learning to a range of problems and puzzles. We will also continue to develop our mental strategies and arithmetic alongside our written Maths.

Computing

We will use ICT across the curriculum. We will learn about e-safety and what it means to be sceptical. We will also develop our video production skills by using different apps and editing our clips.

Geography

In the first half term, the theme will be 'Mountains'. We will find out about the different features of mountains and the wildlife which live nearby. We will study local mountains and research mountains around the world developing fieldwork and mapping skills.

History

In the second half term, our history topic will be focused on the Victorians. We will spend time comparing life in the present compared to the Victorian Era and reflecting on the similarities. We will also explore the popular food and clothing of the era. By the end of the unit, we will have researched about school life in the Victorian Era and be able to give our opinion about how children were treated.

Art

In the second half term, we will explore typography and how this is used to create maps, fonts and 3-D letters. Alongside this, we will explore different drawing skills and techniques which are used by the artist Louise Fili. Throughout our art topic, we will be developing our reflection skills to make sure we are constantly evaluating our work.

DT

In the first half term, we will be focusing on structures in DT and how to make a sturdy, waterproof shelter. We will spend time researching the designer Gustav Eifel and evaluate his famous structures and decide what made them successful. By the end of the unit, we will have created a structure suitable for the Amazon Rainforest.

Science

Our Science topics for this term are 'Forces' and 'Earth and Space'. We will learn about the forces acting on and around us and will carry out a range of investigations to explore these different forces. We will then explore the planets in our Solar system, including the concepts of orbit and rotation.

RE

We will begin by exploring how Christians live their lives, before investigating why Christians view Jesus as the Messiah.



Music

Children will learn to describe the effect of different combinations of pitched notes. They will learn to sing a round in four parts and accompany it with a three note chord (triad). Children will learn to create a class performance through practice and rehearsal.

PE

Children will be taught PE by the PE coach every other Wednesday and this will cover Fun and Fitness in the first half term. Miss Bradley will teach PE on Monday and Friday, when the focus will be on football and rugby skills, including passing, kicking and dribbling.



French

We will focus on the topics of 'on Holiday' and 'eating out' as we develop simple conversations using a wider range of vocabulary.



Helpful information:

PE – full kit is needed on Monday (Week 1), Wednesday (Week 2) and Friday (Week 1 and 2).

Please ensure that children have an outdoor PE kit (tracksuit and trainers) in school. Earrings must be removed.

Music lessons (guitar & woodwind) – Tuesday lunchtime

Homework:

- Reading - 15 to 20 minutes daily (including an activity)

Reading books given on a Friday and must be returned by the following Thursday.

- English/Maths – Given on a Friday and must be returned on the following Friday.
- Other homework for topic will be set as appropriate