

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2020



Below is a brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 5 this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child.

| Subject | |
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| English | Our first unit of work is centred around the book "Hidden Figures". In reading children will be exploring word meanings, inference and deduction and summarising information. We will be writing a variety of texts such as letters, diaries and reports. Our second unit is based on "Beetle Boy" by M. G. Leonard. We will be writing a non-chronological report about beetles. |
| Mathematics | The key areas we will be targeting this half term are negative numbers and rounding before moving on to using formal, efficient methods for addition and subtraction. We will be extending children's understanding with problems and reasoning activities. |
| Science | Our focus for this half term is "Earth in Space". We will be learning about the shape of the Sun, Moon and Earth and the names of the planets and their order from the Sun. We will learn about the motion of the planets and how this gives us night and day and the seasons. |
| Topic – Geography | We will be learning about rivers. We will identify the major rivers of the world. We will learn about the features of a river and how we use them. We will research a river and present our findings to the class. |
| ICT | Children will be developing their skills with Powerpoint by researching and then creating a presentation about a river to link with Geography. |
| RE | Our focus for this half term is the concept of interpretation. We will be discussing why people have different interpretations of the same story/situation. We will move onto looking at how and why there are different interpretations of the nativity story. |
| RSHE | We are following the "Jigsaw" programme and will be learning about our different cultural backgrounds and how this can unfortunately lead to racism and bullying. We will investigate how to deal with these issues. |
| PE | In indoor PE we will be learning about fitness and circuits. In outdoor PE we have continued our learning for tag rugby and are now moving on to improving our skipping skills. |
| Music | This term, the children are exploring musical structures. They have spent some time analysing longer pieces of music, identifying changes in dynamics, tempo and texture and listening for when themes are the same or different. They have also used our junk drums to play patterns with different sections of a piece of music and are working on some Christmas arrangements. |
| Art / DT | The art theme for this half term is landscapes. Emphasis will be placed on terms such as foreground, mid-ground and distance. Children will learn the skills of drawing using perspective and painting to produce their own landscapes. The artist David Hockney will be the inspiration for some elements. |