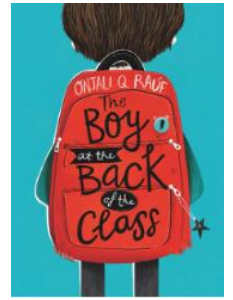


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MATHS

Across the school, we are once again using the White Rose Maths Scheme to structure the children's learning.

The children will also continue to have an extra arithmetic skills session, in order to increase pace and confidence in test conditions.

On Fridays, the children will continue to consolidate their reasoning skills on a variety of topics and will over-learn some of the concepts we've covered this year.

Between Monday and Thursday, children will continue to work through White Rose lessons – this half-term, we will be looking at decimals and percentages and perimeter and area.

ENGLISH

The children's focus text this half term will be 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Rauf. This is a lovely story about a boy who arrives at a school as a refugee from Syria. Some of our English and Reading lessons will be focused on this core text. We will also explore other genres of writing – such as narrative, character and setting description, report writing and poetry.

Throughout the first week, children will be consolidating their learning of Ancient Greeks and will work on writing their own myth.

We will also be using other key texts, films and music as inspiration. All of our learning will be supported by additional weekly reading sessions, including group work and individual reading comprehensions.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

In **Science**, children will be looking at **Earth and Space**, as well as **Forces** such as gravity and recapping their learning on levers and pulleys from Autumn Term, with regard to the forces used. As **Artists**, children will be looking at **Architecture** – both big and small. We will also be partaking in making a Greek feast, which links to our **Geography** topic where we'll be considering the question, '**Why do we go on holiday to Greece?**' In **PSHE**, children will be looking at **Economic Wellbeing** and in **RE**, children will be looking at '**Inspiration.**' In **Music**, children will be looking at **Remixing and Looping**, and in **PE**, children will be working on the '**Physical**' strand of their learning, along with practicing their **Badminton** skills.

HOME LEARNING

Please continue to read with your child daily, and record what they have **read** (or ensure your child does so) in the home-school book. As well as listening to them read, please question your child about their understanding of the text. Continue to encourage your child to practise their weekly **spellings**. Homework will be set every Monday and – more often than not – the deadline for completion will be the following Monday, unless otherwise stated. As one part of their maths homework, children **must** complete a minimum of **5 garage games**, on **TTRockstars**, every week. Please do encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly, especially if they are not fluent up to 12x12. Children in Year 5 and 6 receive one piece of **Maths** and one piece of **English** homework per week.

Thank you for your continued support - the Year 5 Team.