

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Year 5 | Spring



English

During spring 1, our main focus text will be 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We will use this text to explore descriptive writing, letter writing and story writing. After half term, our focus text will be 'The Highway Man' and our writing skills will be developed through exploration of writing in role as a character and newspaper reports. Grammar will be taught through our English lessons as well as weekly discrete lessons. Spellings will be introduced on a Monday and children will practice these all week before Friday's test.

Maths

We will focus on multiplication and division and how to use written methods to solve calculations. We will be converting units and reading scales during lessons on measurement. Decimals including tenths, hundredths and thousandths will be the focus after half term as well as statistics. Alongside our daily lessons, we will continue practising recall of multiplication facts using TT Rockstars. We will also be using MyMaths to cement our knowledge in all subject areas for homework.

History

To start the year, we will be looking at the Victorian period and build on what we learnt during our trip to Braintree Museum. We will find out more about Queen Victoria, the Industrial Revolution, life in Victorian schools and what it was like during the Victorian workhouses and how Dr Thomas Barnardo set up proper children's homes.

Geography

This term we will be studying natural disasters such as volcanoes and earthquakes. We will explore how these natural disasters are formed and how they occur using subject specific vocabulary to explain the processes. We will learn about different types of volcanoes as well as exploring the human impact of these natural disasters.

Science

We are studying properties of materials and the changes they go through. We will investigate why particular materials are used due to their properties as well as exploring reversible and irreversible changes. Chemical reactions will be investigated to see if they can be changed. Solutions will also be studied alongside separation.

RWV

This term, we have two 'big' questions to explore, discuss and think about. We will begin with 'What difference does resurrection make to Christians?' and later on in the term, we will explore the question 'How do Hindus make sense of the world?'

General Reminders

- Children should read every night to develop accuracy and fluency. An adult should then sign their Home & School book to show this has taken place. We monitor and reward children for their efforts at home.
- Homework will be given on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday (TTRS & MyMaths) and Friday (Homework Menu).
- Spellings will be set on Monday and words should be practised during the week by Friday when children will be tested on their spellings. A copy of spellings will always be sent home.
- We will have PE on Monday and Tuesday when children will come to school wearing their active uniform. All earrings should be removed before the lesson.
- All items of uniform should be labelled and children should bring a water bottle to school.