

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Year 5 | Summer



English

During summer 1, our main focus text will be 'Henry's Freedom Box' by Ellen Levine. We will use this text to explore story openings and writing in role as a character. After half term, we will focus on non-fiction writing and develop our skills when writing balanced arguments and non-chronological texts. 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

In maths this term, we are learning to add and subtract fractions greater than 1 that have the same denominator as well as with related denominators. We will be also be multiplying fractions too. In geometry, we will be looking at properties of shape and then focusing on fraction and decimal equivalences and relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages. We will continue to focus on calculations using the four operations in our daily calculations sessions.

History

For our history topic this term, we are looking at modern slavery. We will be looking back to see the origins of slavery and researching and finding out when slavery was abolished. We will be looking at how slavery is still continuing today and in what forms even though it is illegal.

Geography

We are undertaking a comparison study in our geography unit this term. We are looking at the similarities and difference between English and Japanese cultures. We will be looking at how each country are governed and their human and physical features as well as looking at currencies, mountain ranges and population.

Science

In science this term, our topic is living things and their habitats. We will be investigating the life cycles and habitats for insect, animals and humans. In the second half of the term, we will be looking at how animals and plants reproduce.

RWW

This term, we will explore the question 'How do Hindus make sense of the world?' and build on the work we started in the spring term. We will learn about Hindu gods and goddesses as well as Hindu celebrations and festivals.

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 Thursday and should be completed by the following Thursday (TTRS & 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 Tuesday and Thursday 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.