



Class Newsletter

Year 5

Autumn 2022



Dear Parents/Carers and children,
Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready to learn lots of new exciting things. If there is anything you want to ask me about with regards our learning, please do not hesitate to call school to make an appointment or catch me at the end of the school day. I look forward to spending the year learning with you!

Best wishes, Mrs Desborough

Maths

In Maths this we will be looking at:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions

We will be applying our skills to word based problems throughout this term.

Please support your child in learning and revising their times tables a secure knowledge of these is so important for their progress in Year 5.



RE

Our RE topic this term is Family. We will be understanding how each person is made in the image and likeness of God and learning to know ourselves and to appreciate that



uniqueness is greatly valued.

We will also study Judaism as part of our Other Religions topic. The children will learn about various aspects of Judaism.



Science

In our science topic this term we will be learning about the life cycle of a human being. They will investigate the development of babies and how they are similar and different to other people of different ages. They will compare the gestation period of humans and other animals and will investigate how our body changes as we become old, as well as comparing the life expectancy of different animals.

We will finish the term by learning about living things and their habitats, looking at the life cycles of animals and plants.

English

Our main focus in English will be linked to our key texts. We will be looking at the key features of each text type to develop our knowledge and skills. We will then use these skills and apply them in our written work.



- Adventure Story
- Persuasive Letter
- Poetry—Haiku/Cinquain
- Mystery Story
- Playscript
- Letter

We will continue to work hard on our grammar and incorporate it into our writing. We had a big push on improving handwriting last year and we will continue with this. It is very important that handwriting is well formed and that joins are accurate. Handwriting lessons take place each week but please encourage your child whenever written homework is set, to present it with care and to proof read their work.

Geography



In geography this half term children will learn about the location of Tropical Rainforests and why these influence the climatic characteristics. They will also learn about the specific plants and animals found in these habitats. Children will begin to understand how people use the Rainforest and how this can not always be a sustainable way for people to use the land.

Music

In music this term we will be discussing the ancient origins of music. Children will begin to understand how music is linked to how humans build community, friendship, kinship and peace, and to how we learn about and understand each other. They will create their own music to embody these themes and perform them to their peers.



Reading

We are currently reading *The Wreck of the Zanzibar* as our class book.

The children are encouraged to read at home for at least 20 minutes every night. Please support your child in completing their reading record each night.

The children are also encouraged to talk about their books and explain what has happened so far in their entries.

RSHE

In RSHE we will be discussing how we are created and loved by God. Children will develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships. They will explore their own feelings and thoughts about themselves and others around them.



PE

During PE this term our topics will be Tag Rugby and Football. Children will learn different throwing and catching techniques to become successful in winning a game.

Children will also play competitive games in basketball whilst learning proper form and skill to compete correctly.



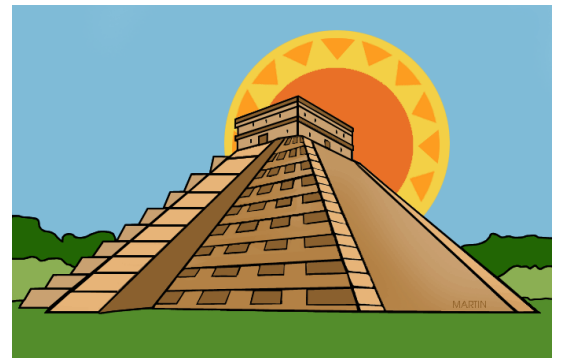
Art

In Art this term we will be using collage and sculpture to create our own rainforests. Using our knowledge from our geography topic we will be moulding and sculpting various trees and animals and painting them accurately.



History

In history, the children will explore the rich culture of The Maya. We will explore their customs, where they are from and how their civilisation lasted so long. Children will explore stories and games that the Maya invented and how their creation of chocolate became so popular today.



DT



In DT we will be creating our own pneumatic animals.

They will be based on animals that can be found in the rainforest and will have moving parts. Children will design and construct the outer shell of their animals and build their pneumatic system to fit inside and make it move.

Computing

This term we will be looking at online safety and the importance of protecting ourselves online.



We will also learn about coding and work on our own coding techniques to create moving images.

Spanish

In this half term we will be recapping the basics from last year. Children will learn their numbers from 32 to 100 and say how old other people are. They will learn the vocabulary for family members and tell others about their families. They will also begin to understand how Christmas is celebrated in Spain.

