

Autumn Term - Year 5

Curriculum Overview

Reading:

This half term, we will be building on the children's skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising. This term we will be using a non-fiction anthology about surviving in the wilderness (Survivors) followed by a video clip about off-road mountain biking. We will be also reading *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo and towards the end of the half term *The Highwayman* poem. Alongside daily reading lesson, the Year 5 children will visit our library once a week on a Monday in order encourage a love of reading.

Writing:

We will be producing two different pieces of independent writing the first half term: a survival guide and a setting description. Within these units, the children will have a number of opportunities to practise previously taught, and new grammar skills. In particular, we will be focusing on modal verbs, using indirect speech and organisational devices to structure writing. We will also be choosing vocabulary and description to show character, build atmosphere and advance the action. We will also be producing two different pieces of independent writing in Autumn 2: a newspaper article and a biography. These pieces of writing will be inspired by our text *Beowulf*.

Mathematics:

In the first couple of weeks of Autumn, we will be working through our place value objectives: numbers up to 1,000,000, negative numbers in context and Roman Numerals. Following that, we will multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 and working on securely using a formal method of addition and subtraction.

Times tables Rockstars (TTRS) will be re-introduced this term with weekly 20 min sessions to be completed at home.

We will be moving on to learning methods for multiplication and division in the second half of the Autumn term. Although the pupils will have completed their times table check last year, it is vital they continue to practise their times tables.

Towards the end of the term, we will begin to look at Fractions.

Broader curriculum:

During the first half of this term, our Geography topic we will be learning about mountains. We move on to History in Autumn 2 and The Vikings.

Science: The first half term our focus is on living things and their habitats. This includes looking at lifecycles. Then we move on to Aut2 and investigate Materials.

Art: This half term our focus is Drawing. We will be looking at the use of tone and line to create drawings that show movement.

DT in Aut 2 is Textiles where we will practise our sewing skills making decorations.

Games, PE, and SCARF (PSHE) are taught weekly.

RE, Computing and Music will be taught weekly by specialist staff on a rotation base.