

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn term 2022



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your break. Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

Class texts

In our English Unit we will be reading 'The Wreck of Zanzibar' by Michael Morpurgo. In our whole class reading lesson we will be reading 'Millions' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. For our end of day read we will be reading 'A Kid's Life in Ancient Egypt' by Chae Strathie.

English

This term we will be looking at the novel 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar' by Michael Morpurgo. We will study the text before writing a diary entry from the perspective of one of the main characters. In the second half of the term, we will be reading 'Arthur High King of England', also written by Michael Morpurgo. The children will create their own alternative ending.

Science

Our first topic this term is 'To boldly go', where we will be focusing on our solar system and learning the planets. We will look at grouping the planets based on their size/atmosphere/orbit time and rotational period in their life.

Geography

This term the children will be learning about Africa. They will use political maps to explore Africa but also focus on specific countries to compare. For their final write, they will create a persuasive advert to explain which country they would live in and why.

Maths

This year we have introduced a new scheme of work for Maths called White Rose. This will allow all children to deepen their Mathematical thinking. Our main foci this term will be place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. Children will also be expected to continue to ensure that they can recall all their timetables fluently.

History

This term we will be learning about Ancient Egypt and how we know about the Egyptians. The children learnt about Early Civilisations last year so should be able to transfer their prior knowledge with this new topic. This is an enquiry-based topic, where children will learn and understand how historians use multiple sources to gather information.

Computing

This half term we will be looking at Online Safety. Children will gain a better understanding of the impact of sharing digital content online. Children will also discuss the responsibility they have online.

RE

Initially, we will be looking at Hinduism, followed by Christianity in the second half term. These topics will focus on the core beliefs and values of the religions and their forms of worships. We will develop our understanding of each religion.

PSHCE

Pupils learn PSHCE through daily reflection activities, assemblies and PSHCE days which are held half termly. This term our topics will include exploring feelings and emotions, goal setting and recognising how to stay healthy.

REMINDER

- **Read** every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record everyday once the child has written a sentence.
- Practise their **times tables** on TTRS.
- Practise their **spellings** ready for their test each Monday.
- **Homework** is sent home on Mondays and must be returned on or before the following Monday.
- Authorised Full **PE kit** should be worn on Tuesday and Thursday for Giraffe class and Manatee class and Thursday and Friday for Eagle class.