

Termtalk



Our school values
*Harmony, Respect, Faith
Lifelong Learning*

Curriculum News from the Year 5 Team Second half of the Autumn Term 2021

Our topic is: The Jurassic Coast

Our topic this half term continues to be 'The Jurassic Coast!'



English:

This term pupils will begin with focussing on poems from the book "A Year of Nature Poems". We will be using a range of these poems to help us structure our own poems based on months of the year. We will become experts in using figurative language such as personification.

In the second half of the term we will focus on persuasive writing. Pupils will create adverts for the Jurassic Coast, incorporating everything they have learned in Geography with the features of persuasive writing

We will also continue to explore different sentence types, so that children vary the types of sentences that they use in their writing. Each week we will learn a new spelling rule, which the children will then practise on Spell Shed, as well as revisit different aspects of grammar.

Maths: In maths, our first focus is Statistics. Pupils will learn to read, interpret and draw line graphs. They will use line graphs to solve problems and become more confident at using different kinds of timetables.

Following this we will spend some weeks on Multiplication and Division. Pupils will explore: multiples and factors; square and cube numbers and will learn to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000.

Science: In this term children will be learning about living things and their habitats. They will learn to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird as well as describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Computing: The children will start a new unit on Spreadsheets, where they will explore how to create and use spreadsheets effectively. Pupils will also use a variety of online resources to support their mental maths and reading skills.



RE & PSHE: Towards the end of this half term in RE we will be exploring the question: Was Jesus the Messiah? Children will explore different ways in which Christians celebrate the incarnation. They will learn more about the incarnation and how the idea of a Messiah fits into the 'big story' of the Bible.

In PSHE, our theme is "Valuing Difference". Children will have opportunities to reflect on what makes people special and how we should interact with others, even if they may be different to us in some way.

We will also be continuing to develop positive learning behaviours, which include: independence, collaboration, resilience, reflectiveness and curiosity.

French

This term we will be revisiting colours and numbers.

Physical Education:



Please note there are some exciting changes to our PE provision. On a rolling programme (so that all children will access everything over the year), classes will have PE with a specialist PE coach – Matt, as well as take part in some Forest School activities with our very own Mr. Grey. **PE for all of Year 5 will now be a Tuesday** – children are to come to school in their PE kit. Our outdoor PE this term will be basketball. As we move into the cooler months please make sure your child wears plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms along with their white t-shirt and school jumper. Please also ensure any earrings are removed on PE days.

This half term's PE focus:

- 5H – with sports coach Matt – cricket
- 5T – with Mrs Borries – basketball
- 5P – with Mr Grey - multiskills

Homework

- Children are expected to **read 5 times** a week at home. Please support them to do this.
- Children are set weekly spelling homework online on **Spelling Shed** and maths homework on **My Maths**. Your child's logins are stuck in their Reading Record. This homework is set on a Friday and due to be completed by the following Wednesday.
- If you have any issues with technology please let us know.