

English:

This term we will be working on a variety of writing genres based around a novel, poetry and non-fiction texts: Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo; The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes and The Titanic. Children will learn how to improve their comprehension skills, and develop understanding of how writing techniques can affect the reader. Extra work will be put into the trickier grammatical concepts and punctuation such as: active and passive voice and the use of semi-colons.

Computing:

Scratch programming will be used this term. The children will be challenged to write their own programs with talking characters, sound and action.

PE/Games: This term, we will focus on invasion games in particular, hockey. We will also be learning the basics of a relatively new unisex sport : cheerleading. Please feel free to google "male cheerleaders," and witness the extremes this sport can go to in terms of acrobatics, but rest assured that we will be staying on the ground in school!

RE / PHSE:

RE this term covers honesty and the importance of being truthful . Social education will cover target and goal setting alongside open dialogue about the news and issues that face our society.

Maths:

Fractions will be our main focus this half term . We will begin with equivalent fractions and how to apply their manipulation to real life problems. Mixed numbers and improper fractions will be used with number sequences and comparison/ordering activities. We will also learn how to multiply and divide with a whole number—then with another fractions. Finally, we will be working on fractions of amounts and using them in context.

Dates:

Tuesday 5th February: Safer internet day

Tuesday 12th February: Reading workshop for parents 9am

Friday 15th Feb: Break up for half term

Please see our website for further details.

YPC:

'Sculptures and structures ' is the topic this term, where we will include lots of art and design technology lessons. Inspiration will be taken from local landmarks alongside notable work in other countries. We will open the topic with a modelling day using KNEX.

Science:

In science, we will be studying forces and how they affect us in particular relation to transport. This will involve research, interactive activities and computing activities. Pupils will make links with curriculum subjects including DT by designing and constructing boats to test water resistance.

Important Information:

PE and Games: Each class will have 2 slots every week for these lessons. Please ensure your child brings a P.E. kit in that will be kept in school during the week.

Jewellery, including earrings, must be removed (preferably at home) for safety reasons. Long hair must be tied up .

Homework:

We encourage the use of our learning platform, Mathematics ,Times Tables Rockstars and My Maths websites. Please support your child by hearing them read and encouraging them to read independently as often as possible. There is more to the Y5/6 spellings than just being able to spell them; the children are expected to know their meanings and be able to put them into a sentence.

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