

English:

Year 5

This term we shall be beginning with another narrative topic, based upon the quest story, 'Why the Whales Came', by Michael Morpurgo.

We will be using drama and oral rehearsal to help us make alterations to this story, and then to create our own quest story, based on the structure used by Morpurgo.

We will revise how to write a variety of sentence types for effect, with advanced punctuation and dialogue, based on our own ongoing targets and our daily targets.

In the second half of the term we will be following the same procedure as with narrative, but instead we will be learning from texts which give information and explanations, and then applying our learning to writing our own argument text which focuses on a local issue.

To support the work in school, please ensure that your child reads at home each night and you discuss the books they are reading.

French

In French we will be revising the days of the week, the times of day, the days of the week and the months of the year. In terms of grammatical understanding, we will learn how to use the simple future tense, write short sentences by substituting information in modelled sentences and think about social conventions at home and in other cultures.

Music

The topic this term is 'Roundabout' where the children sing and play instruments in rounds.

They will be singing songs about the natural environment and accompanying their songs with percussion. Brass lessons continue this term.

Art/D.T.

We will be using recycled products to create useful or attractive new items.

We will research eco inventions and look at the impact that they will have on the world.

P.E.

This term, Class 4 will be doing an indoor and an outdoor P.E. session. In indoor P.E. we will be dancing to African music. The children will compose their own motifs and then these will be incorporated into a group dance. In outdoor P.E. we will be practising the skills required in net games such as netball, hockey and football. As the children are quite familiar with these games, it is hoped that we can really concentrate on skills and tactics to help us in competitive situations.

Maths:

In maths we will continue to consolidate our understanding of number and calculation and look at how we represent data in much more detail. We will revise calculation methods and add to the methods we already know, use these to work out word problems and practice how to identify the information we will need to solve word problems.



Science

Changing Circuits

We will learn about electricity and its uses. During this term, we will focus on constructing, drawing, repairing and using our own circuits. As well as this, we will learn more about circuit components and their symbols.

We will focus on the development of scientific vocabulary and investigative skills, including practical tasks and challenges.

As part of our topic, we will research developments in creation and use of electricity in our increasingly eco-aware society.

Geography/History

Developing the understanding of the local area that we worked on last term, we are going to learn more about ways in which we can impact on our environment locally and globally. We will look at large-scale changes which are happening to the planet, but we will focus particularly on local developments. We have visitors coming in to talk to us about the planned expansion of Carterton.

PSHCE

This term our topic is 'Good to be Me'. We will begin by thinking about what makes us special and how we can be proud without being boastful, and also about how we deal with boastful people in an understanding manner. We will also think about how we feel when we disagree with someone and how we can still feel good about ourselves when we disagree about something.

ICT

We will use the internet to research issues and concerns about the expansion of Carterton raised by interested parties. We will create power point presentations in topic and use RM colour magic in art.

R.E.

In R.E. this term we will be learning about Lent and Easter. We will think about why Christians abstain from certain things during the period of Lent, and why Easter is considered a more important festival than Christmas. We will also investigate the origins of Mothering Sunday.