

English:

In Year 5, we will be focusing on warning tales and using Harry Potter as a stimulus for creative writing. Following this, we will move onto non-fiction. Each lesson, we are introducing a new 'wow word' which relates to our current literacy topic. We then create our own sentences using the new word and try to use it in our writing to broaden our range of vocabulary.

Punctuation and grammar are areas that we are continuing to focus on. We carry out daily activities which require the children to correctly place commas, speech marks and apostrophes or add connectives and edit a piece of text. By identifying errors or areas for improvement in examples, the children become more confident in editing their own work.

We are also working on developing our comprehension skills during guided reading so it would be very helpful to continue this at home with your child by discussing the book that they are currently reading.

PSHE

This term our PSHE theme is 'Good to be Me'.

As well as continuing our work on peaceful problem solving, we will be thinking about what achievements we have already made and what we are particularly proud of.

We will also discuss how to support our friends in their own strengths and achievement

P.E.

This term we are starting with dance, as we need to learn 'moves' for our Young Voices event. We will then move to invasion games where we will be building on our passing and defending techniques for a range of games and developing role-specific skills in different invasion games.

Music

We will be exploring the musical process and how composers get started. This will include listening and learning about Mozart; playing his tunes and singing "Mozartissimo," (a combination of his well-known melodies made into a song).

Art/D.T.

This term we will be thinking about the future. If we run out of fossil fuels, we will no longer be able to use plastics in the way that we currently do.

We will be looking at pre-industrial crafts, which will involve weaving, sewing, carpentry, to name but a few. We hope to think also about how to best employ the resources of our ever-changing world.

Maths:

In maths, we will be focusing on the areas that we are finding tricky. This will primarily be shape, particularly looking at area and perimeter, lines of symmetry and the properties of 3D shapes.

We are also regularly solving word problems as these can be quite challenging! We are making sure that we identify the important information and decide which strategies we need to use before solving the problem. Please continue practising times tables and basic number facts with your child at home.

Science

This term our science topic is 'Gases Around Us'.

We will learn about the three states of matter and that chemical elements can exist in all three states.

We will investigate the properties of gases and that gases ARE matter and therefore have mass and their own properties. We will use practical investigations to demonstrate the properties of gases.

Linking to our topic, we will think about how gases can help produce the energy that our modern lives require.

R.E.

In R.E. this term we will be learning about Easter. We will also learn about Lent and other related Holy days.

Easter is arguably the most important of Holy days to Christians. We will learn about why this is the case and what the Resurrection means to believers.

What can we do for the world? Year Five



ICT

We have now been using the Ipads in our lessons for a term and have gained confidence in using them to enhance our learning. We will try to become more adventurous so that we can use them to open up even more opportunities!

French

This term we will focus on reading and deciphering the written word in French activities this term, as this is the skills that we are most likely to require on any visits to a French-speaking country.

We will learn to recognise words and sentences that we are most likely to encounter.

Geography/History

Our topic this term is based upon the environment at both a local and global level.

Class 4 will be focusing in particular on energy. We will learn about how we generate electricity in our own country and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of these industries.

We will also look towards the future and how we will need to change the way we generate electricity in order to adapt to the changing environment.