

Year 5 Autumn 2 2023

English

In English, our fiction writing will focus on a portal story using popular novels such as Harry Potter and The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe to draw ideas from. We will be working on descriptive writing and ensuring our readers are transported through a different dimension through the use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, parentheses and dialogue. We will use our class reader- Kind of a Spark- for inspiration too! For our non-fiction unit, we will focus on how to write a prospectus. Pupils will be given the opportunity to explore and study different examples of prospectus for schools as well as other organisations.



Maths

In Maths we will start off by building on the children's multiplication knowledge from Year 4. Lessons will start off by asking children to find sets of multiples of given numbers and make generalisations about them. This will allow children to begin to understand and use rules of divisibility, which will be built upon in later learning. Children will build multiples of numbers using concrete resources as well as pictorial representations. Arrays will also be particularly useful and will help children when they study factors, prime numbers and square numbers later in the block.

Music

We will explore the basics of contemporary ukulele playing. The unit has been designed to build the children's skills and knowledge as we work through the lessons. The unit has been split into six topics, and includes musical examples, pictures, games and pieces to learn and play in our lessons and at home.



Art

We will be learning about the famous artists, John Sargent and Jonathan Yeo. We will be exploring drawing techniques and creating portraits using these techniques.



Science

As scientists, we will focus on 'Forces'. This includes understanding how unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. We will also identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces. This promises to be a very exciting unit!



PSHCE

We will be learning all about relationships and will be discussing topics such as peer pressure, how to be safe online and how we can recognize and deal with prejudice and discrimination.

Guided Reading

This half term we will continue to explore a range of genres to develop our reading skills. As well as clarifying, interpreting and predicting, we will also focus on vocabulary and the retrieval of information. It is so important that your child reads regularly every week, not only does this develop their confidence but also their skills.

We have a wide range of texts for your child to choose from!

Computing and Geography

In computing, children will learn how to create short videos by working in pairs or groups. As they progress through the unit, they will be exposed to topic-based language and develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video.

In our geography lessons, children will be learning about slums in different countries. They will understand how slums form and grow in different parts of the world for many different reasons.

