



Year 5 Curriculum Overview

Autumn 2

Homework is posted/shared every Friday and must be turned in by the following Thursday.

Spelling Test Day is Friday.

P.E is on a Friday for both classes.

*Please ensure your child comes into school in their P.E uniform on these days.

English

Text: Christmas Carol

Unit Focus: Playscripts

This half term, children will explore the features and structure of playscripts. They will learn how to write and perform short scenes, developing their understanding of character, dialogue, and stage direction.

The Highwayman

This half term, children will study the classic narrative poem The Highwayman. They will explore its rich language, dramatic storyline, and historical context, use drama and write to deepen understanding.

Reading: In reading, we will be focusing each lesson on a different skill; vocabulary, retrieval, inference, summarising, prediction and author's choice. The children explore the text in detail.

Grammar and punctuation: The children will learn about past/present tense, perfect progressive tense, modal verbs and explore the use of brackets, dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis.

Science

This half term, the children will learn about the Solar System. The Solar System is made up of the Sun, eight planets and their moons and millions of other smaller celestial bodies. Children will complete a research enquiry to understand how our ideas about the Solar System have changed over time. Children will look at the views of different scientists and mathematicians. They will also compare these views to current ideas about the Solar System

Key vocabulary: solar system, planets, sun, moon, orbit, celestial body, gravity, heliocentric model and geocentric model.

Maths

This half term the children will be focusing on multiplication, division and fractions.

In maths, students will use their multiplication and division skills to identify multiples, factors, and prime numbers. They will also learn to multiply and divide by 10, 100, and 1000. In the fraction unit, we'll focus on equivalent fractions, improper fractions, and mixed numbers. A solid understanding of times tables will be crucial for success!

Key vocabulary: Multiples, factors, prime numbers, square numbers, cube numbers, multiples, equivalent, non-unit fractions, compare, order, add, subtract, mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Geography

In this unit, the children will find out about the regions of the UK, discovering how some of these areas have changed over time. The children will research how specific areas of the UK have been affected by change, before conducting a fieldwork activity on their own area, writing a magazine article and working towards the Big Finish.

Key vocabulary: Development, physical features, human features – roads, houses, canals, cathedral, city

Other subjects

Spanish – The children will be writing postcards about Christmas to a pen pal. They will compare how Christmas is celebrated.

P.E. – Invasion Games. Net/Wall games

R.E – This unit draws on previous learning across a range of teachings from different religions to consider the similarities and differences in practices relating to equality and charity. Pupils will be digging deeper into some of these key practices to appreciate the varying types, methods and purposes behind charity, and perhaps begin to appreciate how some might be considered more valuable than others.

Computing – This term the focus is e-safety/cyber bullying, coding and publishing.

Music – The children will be focusing on African drumming and explore culture, rhythms and polyrhythms.

D&T – The children will be looking at structures and create a shadow puppet theatre.

Home Learning Reminders

Every week this will include:

- Spelling practice, using a new list each week – test Friday
- Daily Reading for at least 15 minutes.

Complete homework that is set on Atom Learning.

There may also be other learning enrichment activities and research throughout the term and over holidays.