

Spring Term 2022 Curriculum Plan

Year 5

English	This term, we will focus on two different text types, narrative and report writing, whilst focusing on The Hound of the Baskervilles (our 'vehicle text'). Our first half term will centre on creating a 'Cliff-hanger Narrative'. All of the children will follow model texts that will teach them the typical plot path before attempting to create their own, similar story. The children will also be focusing on how to correctly punctuate direct speech and effectively describe settings and character. The second half term will switch to report/event writing were the children will focus on writing formally. As part of this, the children will be comparing formal and informal vocabulary; forming direct speech in a formal tone and using commas to avoid ambiguity.
Mathematics	In the first half term, we will continue delving into fractions. We will be comparing fractions and using addition and subtraction to solve problems. As the half term goes on, we will be multiplying and dividing fractions by whole numbers and showing answers as improper fractions and mixed numbers. We will then focus on decimals. This will include learning to read and write decimals numbers whilst comparing them in value. The children will finish the unit by focusing on how to add and subtract decimal numbers. This will be followed by a brief look at percentages – comparing quantities and converting fractions.
Science	For the first part of the term, we will be focusing on Earth and Space. This unit is the only Astronomy related science unit in the primary science curriculum. The aim is to give the children a basic overview of Earth and its place in our Solar System. In order to do this, the children will also focus on the history of our Solar System – who said that the Earth the centre of our Solar System? Who proved them wrong? Following this, the children will be exploring day and night through the discovery of time zones around the world. The second half term will focus on Properties and Changes of Materials. This unit will look at different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. The children will sort and

	classify objects according to their properties. They will explore the properties of materials to find the most suitable material for different purposes. The children will
	work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the best thermal insulator to make a lunch box, making predictions and forming conclusions.
Computing	We are Architects
	In this unit, pupils research examples of art gallery architecture, before using Trimble SketchUp to create their own virtual gallery. Finally, they use the gallery to exhibit their own artwork.
	We are Web Developers
	In this unit, pupils begin by learning how the school network and the Internet work. They explore the HTML used to create websites and edit this using Chrome Developer Tools. They create their own website about online safety using Google Sites.
Art and Design and Technology	The first half term will focus on 'Art from Other Cultures'. This unit of work will give the children the opportunity to investigate pattern through a study of art from other cultures. We will also reinforce the benefits of studying original art forms, trying out ideas and making notes in our sketchbooks before creating out final pieces.
	During our second half term, we will be studying the work of William Morris. This unit of work will be based around the work of the Victorian designer and artist. The children will study his illuminated letter designs. The children will also be introduced to block printing as a new skill.
Humanities	This term, the children will be focusing on Mesoamerican Mayans.
	As geographers, we will explore Mesoamerica. The children will look at physical and human features of Mesoamerica whilst understanding where exactly it is on a map. The children will also use their knowledge and understanding of time zones to compare time differences between America and the UK.
	As historians, we will be studying the life and legacy of the Mayan Civilisation. Through this, we will look at their great legacy and their numerous achievements. We will then go on to study their religion.
French	This term in French, the children will focus on how to describe and talk about their school. We will explore all of the different parts of school including staff, lessons and classrooms.
	Following this, the children will begin to understand how to give directions in French.

Music	Our first half term will be focusing on Make you feel My Love – Adele. The children will be learning to sing the song whilst also incorporating some musical instruments. These will be used to find the pulse and rhythm of the song Half term 2 will take a hip-hop switch and focus on The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. This is not a style that we have covered as a class so we will be taking time to understand and appreciate the integral features of old-school, hip-hop music.
Physical Education	The first half term will centre around gymnastics. In this unit, the children will create longer sequences individually, with a partner and a small group. They will learn a wider range of actions such as inverted movements to include cartwheels and handstands. They will explore partner relationships such as canon and synchronisation and matching and mirroring. The children will spend the second half term learning to play dodgeball. Pupils will improve on key skills used in dodgeball such as throwing, dodging and catching. They also learn how to select and apply tactics to the game to outwit their opponent. In dodgeball, pupils achieve this by hitting opponents with a ball whilst avoiding being hit. Pupils are given opportunities to play games independently and are taught the importance of being honest whilst playing to the rules.
RE	Our first half term will focus on the Hindu religion. Throughout this half term, will be looking at many different gods. However, we will primarily be focusing on Krishna – the eighth incarnation of Vishnu. We will be looking at many different stories of Krishna and noticing what impact they have had on Hinduism. Following this, we will revisit Christianity. However, this time, we will be focusing on what Christians mean by a miracle. The miracles of Jesus are supernatural deeds in Christian texts. The majority are faith healings, resurrections and control over nature. We will be understanding how and why Christians choose to believe in these miracles.
PSHE	Half term 1 will focus on 'Dreams and Goals'. By the end of this unit, the children will be able to discuss their dreams and goals for the future. In addition to this, the children will begin to understand how people's dreams and goals can differ to theirs and how to accept these differences. Half term 2 will focus on 'Healthy Me'. The children will look at reasons why people may worry about the way that they look. Following this, we will discuss healthy and unhealthy ways that people can use food and other substances in their lives.