



Guided Reading

We will focus on the reading skills of inference, retrieval, explanation, vocabulary, prediction and sequencing across a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts including:

Jaz Santos VS The World

I talk like river

Tom's midnight garden

I have a dream - Martin Luther King Jnr

Handwriting

Children are encouraged to write in joined handwriting where possible and all will be writing in blue pen.

Writing

This term for English we will be focussing on the following texts:

The River and The Tree

The World of the

Unknown: Monsters and

Mythical beasts

Cloud Tea Monkeys

The Promise

Where the poppies now grow



Maths

During this term, Year 5 will be covering a range of topics including:

- Position and Direction
- Decimals
- Written methods for addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Statistics

To improve your child's confidence, they will benefit from home practise of:

- Telling the time to and past the hour at five- and one-minute intervals.
- Knowing their times tables up to 12 x 12.
- Basic mental and arithmetic calculation practice.

Science

The children will be learning about Mixtures this term using a variety of interactive means to engage in the topic. They will be able to plan different types of enquiries to answer questions. Children will investigate, record their data and present findings.



PE

In our PE sessions children will have an outdoor and an indoor lesson. Our focus this term is:

Tag Rugby, Gymnastics, Netball, Basketball and swimming

History

Our first topic this term is Vikings. The children will be learning about who the Vikings were and how they tried to take over Britain.



Geography

In the second half term, the children will be learning about Energy: Cold Climates. They will focus on how an eco-friendly settlement can be built in Iceland?

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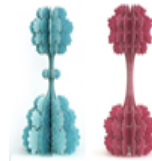
Our lessons are based around Judaism and Christianity with a focus on creation. After half term, we will move onto the different beliefs and practices surrounding Christmas.

PSHE

The children will be focussing on 'Being me in my world'. This shifts after half-term to Mini-police, where the focus will be on keeping safe, respecting others, and supporting their community

Art

Our focus is creating installation art using reclaimed and available materials.



Design & Technology (DT)

We will be planning, designing, and creating a pop up book based on a fairy tale for younger readers. The learning will include deciding our own success criteria, then evaluating our end product.

Spanish

This half term, the children will learn how to say, read, and write the days of the week and the months. Our unit is called La fecha (The Date).



Music

In our music lessons, we follow the Charanga programme with our focus this term being melody and harmony in music and singing and playing music in different styles.

Home Learning

Homework will be sent home every **Friday** to be handed in the following **Thursday**. Children will mark their homework in school Friday morning.

This will consist of maths, reading and a spelling/spag activity.

There is also a homework menu available for the term so that the children can select projects to complete across the term.

Reminders

PE lessons: **Wednesday and Thursday**

Please ensure PE uniform is worn to school on these days.

Reading books must be brought in **everyday**.

Chestnut are swimming on

Thursdays this term so will need to ensure they bring their swimming kit with them on this day.

All their belongings, including any items of clothing, are the children's responsibility, and should be **clearly named**.

Communication with teachers

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

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