

## English

In English, we will continue to build upon our writing skills through our Talk4Writing approach. First, we will begin with our fictional writing. We will be writing our own action stories, reading examples and using drama to develop our ideas. For our non-fiction writing, we will be using our geography knowledge to produce non-chronological reports about rivers.

Our Talk4Reading text is 'Varjak Paw'.

## Art and Design

In art, we will be exploring cityscapes and landscapes. We will begin by appraising and studying the work of Fazzino and Afremov. We will then look at silhouettes, reflections and watercolours before producing our own cityscapes based on 'Varjak Paw'.

## RE

This term we will focus on the question 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' This leads nicely into considering the Christian meaning of Christmas.

## PSHE

In PSHE we will focus on 'Celebrating differences'. We will be learning about different cultures, racism, name-calling, bullying and global differences. Our sessions will continue to encourage the children to contribute to discussion and think critically about our world.

## Mathematics

This term in maths we will continue to focus on our mathematical fluency through regular basic skills sessions. We will continue to apply our place value understanding to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In Class 5, we will be exploring multiples, factors, prime, square and cube numbers. We multiply and divide by up to 1,000. We will continue to apply our fluency work to problem-solving and reasoning contexts.

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This half term, our topic is 'Wonderful Water!'. We will be learning all about our world's rivers and mountains in our geography-based unit. We are excited to be starting our new topic full of fun activities.

## Physical Education

In netball, the children will now apply their teamwork and skills to game play – starting with small group drills and developing to match situations. In rugby, the children will be developing their tactics and skills in game situations. Towards the end of the term, Class 5 will be starting dance lessons with Miss Sheppard in preparation for our 'Moving Targets' experience in the Spring Term. There will be more information provided nearer the time regarding details for the performance.

## Music

Our music lessons this term will focus on song writing and performing. We will be focusing on the importance of lyrics and singing them clearly. Our lessons will explore songs about our local community and songs for our Christmas show.

## Geography

Our history lessons will be exploring rivers and mountains. We will begin by locating the world's major rivers and mountains using maps and atlases. We will then look at why many cities are situated by rivers and why some people are attracted to live near them. Our lessons will also delve into the water cycle and why water is such a valuable commodity. This unit allows us to explore physical geography, human geography and our map skills.

## Science

In science, we will be learning all about forces. We will be exploring gravity and its impact on our lives, friction and drag. We will apply our learning to consider how force and motion can be transferred through gears, pulleys, levers and springs. Our lessons will be investigative and practical to learn all about the forces around us.

## Languages

Our language lessons will be based on learning French. Through songs, role play and games we will be building on our listening and speaking skills. We will be learning how to describe our emotions and body parts in French, focusing particularly on spelling.

## Computing

In computing we are going to learn about pixels and compressing images. This will lead onto using 3D CAD software to modify the design of an object using online software.

## How you can help

Please continue to read with your child as regularly as possible and support them to learn their weekly spellings. It is also important that the children continue to embed their times tables recall by practising them at home and in school. The children have had a fantastic approach to their maths and SPAG homework, please continue to support and encourage them to complete these. Thank you for your continued support.