

English

In English, we will continue to build upon our writing skills through our Talk4Writing approach. Our fictional piece of writing this half term will focus on powerful story openings and endings based on 'The Lighthouse'. The children will develop their writing through drama and short burst writing to create their own effective stories. In our non-fictional writing, we will be producing explanation texts all about The United States of America.

Mathematics

This term in maths we will continue to focus on our mathematical fluency through regular basic skills sessions. Through practical, investigative lessons, we will be moving onto multiplication and division, learning new formal written methods to complete these. This term also brings about a new approach to maths in Class 5 – Challenge Tuesdays! Once a month, we will have a 'no books' maths lesson and complete maths challenges in partners. After a successful afternoon at the DCBeagle Maths challenge with some Class 5 pupils, we cannot wait to integrate this into our class timetable.

Geography

Starting with map and atlas skills, the children will first explore the location of the USA and Canada on a world map, naming countries in South America too. Then, we will move onto researching specific areas of America – Death Valley and Alaska. The children will research the physical and human features and present their findings through presentations and reports. To end our topic, the children will choose their dream location in America and design a journey and trip there. Bon Voyage!

Art and Design

In DT, we will be linking with our topic and researching the most significant and iconic bridges in America. The children will design their own bridge, create a prototype and finally make and test their own wooden bridge.

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This half term, we are going to be exploring the Geography of the USA through our topic:

The Amazing Americas!

Here is what we will be learning...

Science

Continuing on with 'All living things', we move on to looking at animals including humans this half term. The children will explore human and animal life cycles, growth timelines, puberty and well-known naturalists. Our lessons will provide opportunities for the children to research and discover facts themselves.

RE

This term we will focus on the question 'How do Christians decide how to live?'

PSHE

In PSHE we will focus on 'Healthy Me'. This has excellent connections with our Harmony Principle, where the children will discuss the health risks of smoking and alcohol, look at the media's impact on people's view of themselves and recognise what makes a healthy lifestyle.

Physical Education

In PE this half term, we will be completing our 'Moving Targets' intervention. We are all very excited to finally be performing our piece to an audience at The Courtyard. After this, Miss Sheppard's PE lessons will be gymnastics. We will look at a combination of floor and apparatus movements, developing our physical literacy throughout. Mrs Haines' lessons will be Hockey.

Languages

In French, the children will be travelling around the world. Through games and drama activities, we will develop our speaking skills through naming countries and cities and be able to say where we live.

Computing

In computing, we will be creating our own media, in connection with our music project. Through stop motion video, the children will create their own animations for a story they design. We will work as animators to research, design, create and edit our animations using iPads.

Music

We will be exploring the impact that soundtracks have on films. We will research and learn about this, identify the impact of different tempos and finally create our own music for a movie. This will link with our computing lessons, where the children will create an accompanying piece of music for their own animations.

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. Our PE days are Thursdays and Fridays. Class 5 will be participating in Forest School on Friday afternoons for their enrichment sessions.