



Year 5 Spring Term Learning

English:

Our novel in the spring term will be Street Child by Berlie Doherty. The story follows Jim Jarvis, an orphaned boy from a poor background in Victorian London as he battles to survive the workhouse and the mean streets of the capital. Framed in the context of the social injustice of the time, the children will be looking to develop their authorial voice through fiction and non-fiction pieces as well as developing their use of punctuation and more advanced writing techniques such as creating atmosphere and using the passive voice for effect.

Maths:

In maths, our work will include topics on measure and statistics with a strong emphasis on problem solving and applying number skills to multi-step worded problems. Important life skills such as reading and deciphering timetables and graphs will also be to the fore. Our spiral curriculum in maths also means we will be regularly revisiting previously learnt skills, so any practice of times tables and number facts continues to be beneficial.

Topic:

Linked to our English work on Street Child, our history topic will be about the Victorians, where our work will include Queen Victoria's reign, the British Empire, Victorian toys and shopping and the differences in the lives of rich and poor. In science, we will be learning about animals, plants and their habitats, including about the work of naturalists such as David Attenborough. We will also be looking at impressionist and surrealist artwork, learning about key artists and creating our own work inspired by the world around us.

Other information:

PE will take place on Tuesday afternoons. Children will need to have the correct sports kit in school every week for this session, as PE is a crucial part of the national curriculum. As the weather turns colder, some warmer clothes would be advisable as PE will usually take place outside.

Spelling tests will take place on Fridays.

How can I help:

Reading with your child is still very important in Year 5. Even a few minutes of reading is beneficial, with reading skills being so important across the curriculum.

Please encourage your child to complete any homework that they receive. If they don't have time to do it at home, they are more than welcome to come to Homework Club run by Mr Barr, Miss Purnell and Mr Edwards on Wednesday lunchtimes.

Useful websites:

<https://uk.ixl.com/>

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zcjxhyc>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q>

Year 5 Curriculum Map 2018 -19



English

Autumn: Fiction writing based on Alice in Wonderland. Poetry projects inspired by The Highwayman and Valerie Bloom.

Spring: Fiction writing based on Street Child and non-fiction based on the Victorian era.

Summer: Fiction writing based on The Pearl and non-fiction based on the Tudors.

Science

Autumn: Properties of materials

Spring: Earth and Beyond

Summer: Living things in their habitats

Religious Education

Autumn: Harvest & Christmas

Spring: Journeys and places/ Easter

Summer: Hinduism and moral choices

Music

Autumn: Rhythms and patterns of music

Spring: Famous composers– Holst: the planets

Summer: Composition

Food & nutrition

Autumn: A healthy balanced diet

Spring: Foods from around the world

Summer: Seasonal foods

Art & DT

Autumn: Multi-media artwork

Spring: Surrealism and impressionism

Summer: DT in the world/ architecture

Maths

Autumn: Place value, four operations, data handling, geometry, fractions , decimals and percentages, shape and space.

Spring: Units of measure, geometry, money, four operations, fractions, place value and units of measure

Summer: Data handling, geometry, fractions, decimals and percentages, shape and space

Geography

Autumn: Environmental awareness

Spring: Location study

Summer: Rivers and mountains

Physical Education

Autumn: Rugby, football, hockey & futsal

Spring: Handball, netball & basketball

Summer: Athletics, cricket and rounders

Computing

Autumn: E-safety

Spring: Networks and the world wide web

Summer: Programming

Languages

Autumn: Spanish

Spring: Spanish

Summer: Spanish

Year 5 Suggested Reading List



- The Giant Baby - Allan Ahlberg
- The Peppermint Pig - Nina Bawden
- A Thief in the Village - James Berry
- Hacker - Majorie Blackman
- The Eighteenth Emergency - Betsy Byars
- Figgie Hobbin - Charles Causley
- Moondial - Helen Cresswell
- The Green Children - Kevin Crossley-Holland
- Children in Winter - Berlie Doherty
- Elidor - Alan Garner
- The Iron Woman - Ted Hughes
- Just So Stories - Rudyard Kipling
- Maphead - Leslie Howarth
- Hiawatha - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow & Susan Jeffers
- The Daydreamer - Ian McEwan
- The Exiles - Hilary McKay
- Ishtar & Tammuz - Christopher Moore & Christina Balit
- The Wreck of the Zanzibar - Michael Morpurgo
- Earthways Earthwise - Judith Nicholls
- Matt's Millions - Andrew Norris
- The Highwayman - Alfred Noyes
- Krindlekrax - Philip Ridley
- How Dogs Really Work - Alan Snow
- The Capricorn Bracelet - Rosemary Sutcliff
- Pigeon Summer - Ann Turnbull
- The Mennymns - Sylvia Waugh
- Charlotte's Web - E. White