

Spring Two in Year 5

English

In English, we will be studying the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We will analyse the text to gain a greater understanding of the storyline and then use the story to write character descriptions of the main characters and then write a newspaper report covering the aftermath of the story.

We are reading...



At the end of the school day, we continue to foster a love of reading by sharing a class novel. This half term, it will be the thrilling book, **'The Great Phoenix of London'**. This will be read by the Class Teacher who will passionately promote the power and love of reading for pleasure!

Maths

In maths, we will be continuing learning about Number with a focus on decimals and percentages. We will also be moving onto our first Measurement unit of the year with a focus on Perimeter and Area. Each day, we start our lessons with an arithmetic focus (four operations) to create secure foundations to build our learning upon.

Science

In Science, our topic this half term is Space. We will be able to describe what is in space and what makes up our solar system. We will also look at how our understanding of space has changed over time and the relationship between the Earth, Sun and Moon in relation to light. This will be learnt through the 5 types of Scientific enquiries including using secondary resources, looking for patterns and observing over time.

Art/DT

In Art, we will be continuing our focus on sculpture, linking it with our Geography topic - Volcanoes. The children will compare the sculptors Anthony Gormley and Zemer Peled. The children will learn and apply new skills based around using clay and will create models of abstract volcanoes. In DT, we will be designing and making prototypes of fidget spinners.



Geography

Our topic this half term continues with 'Angry Earth.' We have completed our work on volcanoes and are moving onto earthquakes. In this part of the topic, we will learn: what an earthquake is and where they occur, what the impacts of earthquakes are and where the biggest earthquakes have taken place. A study will take place on examples like the San Andreas Fault and the 2011 Japanese earthquake. We are encouraging children to use Oddizzi which is a great online resource.

Spanish

In Spanish, we will be developing our vocabulary by studying different animals and asking 'Tienes una mascota?' 'Do you have a pet?' We will develop our sentence speaking asking and replying to the question.

Music

This half term in Music, Year 5 will be focusing on the piece of music 'Carnival of the Animals' by the French composer Camille Saint-Saëns. The focus will be on composition, form, structure, texture, rhythm, reading music. Choir continues to be held on a Wednesday after school where Year 5 are all invited to attend.

PSHE

The children will explore the theme of 'Healthy Me' with a focus on 'Being and keeping safe and healthy. These lessons will take place in a circle and follow the weekly Jigsaw format. The main themes covered this term are: smoking, alcohol, body image, relationships with food and emergency aid.

Computing

In computing, we will be moving on to programming selection in physical Computing, exploring conditions and selection using a programmable microcontroller – we will be using micro:bits to link programming software with hardware.

We will also continue our Online Safety lessons focusing on managing information online and informing ourselves about privacy and security whilst studying online.

PE

The children will focus on two areas in PE. The first will be volleyball skills focusing on fundamental areas under the heading 'Lend, Move, Score'. The second focus will be on Yoga which will develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. As always in PE, we do not look solely at the physical capabilities, but at the whole child including their emotional, social and teamwork skills too.