

Year 5 2021-22

Autumn 1

Parent/Carer Overview



The Core

Reading

Reading

Every morning your child will practice their reading skills in Book Club. They will bring home their reading book along with an Accelerated Reader book every day. These books will be used to develop comprehension skills in reading lessons.

Your child will also read 'Secrets of a Sun King' which links to our History topic - Egyptians. They will retrieve, infer and summarise key events in the story while focusing on specific vocabulary.

Writing

Instructions

Your child will write a set of detailed instructions on 'How to Mummify an Egyptian Pharaoh' using facts learnt in History sessions.

Diary

Linked to the text 'Secrets of a Sun King', your child will write a diary entry from the point of view of Lil.

Setting Description

Your child will write a setting description about the desert using a range of specific vocabulary and key adjectives.

Maths

Number and Place Value

In the first half term of Year 5, children will revisit Number and Place Value. They will deepen their understanding of numbers up to 1,000,000. The children will use various equipment and representations to support their understanding of the value of each digit. Throughout the sessions, your child will round numbers while comparing and ordering to help them solve problems. Furthermore, your child will master the use of Roman Numerals to a thousand.

Science

Animals and their Habitats

This term, your child will learn about sexual and asexual reproduction. They will compare the life cycles of animals to the life cycles of humans, identifying key similarities and differences. Your child will also examine the gestation periods of animals, comparing and constructing reasons for the difference.

The Creatives

Art & Design

This term, your child will explore and develop their ideas imaginatively in their sketchbooks.

Printing

Your child will create a multi-layered print by layering ink with precision after adding detail using a variety of tools.

Sculpture

Your child will investigate different modelling materials, learn how to show greater detail in a 3D model and use expressive painting techniques to finish their model.

Design & Technology

Woodwork –Mobile Phone Holder

Your child will work on three main aspects in DT; design, make and evaluate. To begin, they will carry out research on frame structures to design a structure which meets the user's needs. Your child will accurately mark and measure selected materials and assemble them together to create a phone holder, which they will critically evaluate once complete.

Music

Samba Drumming

Your child will develop an understanding of what samba music is and recognise some of the different percussion instruments within a samba band. They will play as part of a samba ensemble, thoughtfully selecting their instruments, and also understand when they should play.

Music of the Moment

Each morning they will listen to the 'Music of the Moment'. They will have the opportunity to discuss the music - what they liked and how it made them feel.

The Humanities

Geography

Water Cycle

The focus of Geography will be 'rivers' and the 'Water Cycle', learning new vocabulary and facts to gain an understanding of how rivers are formed. Your child will identify and describe how the physical features affect the human activity within a location whilst understanding how some of these aspects have changed over time. Fieldwork, observation and mapwork will be used to identify and discuss rivers in different countries.

RE

Judaism

Your child will learn about the religion of Judaism and compare different aspects to Christianity.

Christmas

Your child will learn the Nativity Story and discuss the significance of 'Light' in the story. The children will look at Christian symbols at Christmas, along with creating their own Christingle.

History

Ancient Egyptians

The historical foci in Year 5 for Autumn is Ancient Egyptians; contrasting the lives of different people during this period depending on their class. Your child will explore the lives of people with different jobs (from slave to pharaoh) looking into their lifestyles. They will also gain an understanding of how life was different for women in Ancient Egypt compared to women in Britain.

PE

Gymnastics /Swimming

Your child will attend weekly swimming sessions to achieve the 25m standard in three different strokes. The children will focus on refining their stroke efficiency while practicing treading water and diving into a pool.

In gymnastics, your child will learn how to make shapes in different positions, travel in a variety of ways while using specialist gymnastics equipment. Children will perform a sequence to an audience of moves with accuracy and poise.

Computing

Word processing

Your child will use Microsoft Word to learn a range of new skills. These include: how to edit, crop and add images together, how to add a border, images, shapes and text to a document and how to create a headline to accompany a created image. They will also learn how to format a document correctly and debate the different software used through discussing its strengths and weaknesses.

MFL

Key phrase and numbers

Your child will orally rehearse the pronunciation of numbers up to 20 in French. Key phrases the children will learn to answer include: 'What is my name?', 'Where do I live?' and 'How old am I?'. They will use this knowledge and apply it in real life French conversations.

PSHE

Celebrating Difference

Your child will discuss assumptions and stereotypes about gender, along with gender diversity. Your child will understand bullying, standing up for their beliefs and making new friends. They will also celebrate differences in the classroom and around the world.

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