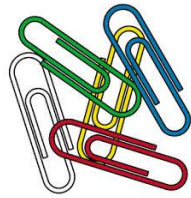


Year 5 Spring Curriculum Overview



Outlined are the main topics and skills that we will be learning about during the Spring term.

English

Our English this term will be linked to the theme of Africa. As well as traditional texts, we will begin the term by looking at a visual clip of *The Lion King*. We will use this as a stimulus to develop our use of descriptive and figurative language. We will then explore 'The Fastest Boy in the World' by Elizabeth Laird - the children will produce a range of non-fiction writing outcomes based on the story as well as an extended piece of suspense writing. Lastly, we will look at Susan Verde's picture book 'The Water Princess' and will use this to write emotive diary entries and persuasive letters based on the story.

Mathematics

This term, our key objectives in Maths will be:

- Interpret information in tables and graphs.
- Draw line graphs.
- Find equivalent fractions.
- Simplify fractions.
- Compare and order fractions.
- Perform calculations involving fractions such as adding, subtracting and multiplying.

In fluency, we will also be revising our knowledge of factors and multiples as well as tackling a range of word problems.

Religion

This term, we will begin by considering the Christmas story from different points of view. We will then explore the sacrament of Baptism, focusing on interpreting signs and symbols, and will develop our understanding of the importance of Lent and Holy Week through reflection.



Science

This term, we will begin by learning about animals and their different reproductive life cycles. We will learn about how different animals continue to reproduce and will consider their similarities and differences. We will then focus in more depth on human life cycles and will examine different milestones and key events throughout our own lives.

Theme

Our theme this term will be Africa where we will be focusing on our geography skills. Our 'Big Questions' that we will be answering are: How is Africa geographically diverse? Is there a link between wealth, climate and population in Africa? Does the colour of your skin define who you are? We will be answering these questions by using a range of different sources such as atlases, digital sources, maps and recounts. In the second part of the term, we will explore the history of Africa and will look at the impact of Nelson Mandela and will study how the apartheid has changed South Africa.

Art and Design Technology (DT) and Music



Our primary focus this term will be on Design and Technology. We will explore African culture and will use our findings to design, develop and test a range of different Jollof rice recipes. In art, we will be building our own 3D sculptures which will then decorate with carefully considered patterns inspired by various African artists.

In music, we will be exploring duration and will be learning about lots of different beats and rhythms.

PE

Our PE lessons this term will focus on developing our cricket skills. In the second half of the term we will also be taking part in dance lessons.

PSHE

This term, we will be focusing on developing our understanding and consideration of those around us and will be looking at how we can support different charities.

Dates:

Tuesday / Friday: PE

