

### English Learning

In English, we will be reading the story of King Kong. We will learn:

- To write a setting description
- To write a job advert for a leading lady for a new film
- To use language for choice by coming up with our own prehistoric creature and writing a fight scene between it and King Kong
- To predict what we think will happen next in the story
- To write our own ending to the story

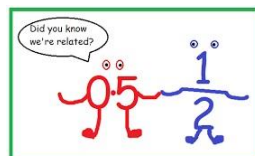
### Mathematical Learning

This term we are looking at:

- Formal methods of multiplication and division
- Revising fractions including adding and subtracting fractions where the denominators are multiples of the same number and ordering and comparing decimal numbers

We will move on to decimals. The children will learn:

- About the value of decimal numbers, ordering and using them



### PSHE Learning

We will be looking at relationships, thinking about safety and the changing body.

### French Learning

Our new topic is Je me presente. We will learn:

- To count to 20
- Ask someone their name and age and to reply
- Say hello and goodbye
- Ask how someone is feeling and respond to this question
- Ask where someone lives and respond back
- Start to understand what *gender* and *agreement* mean in French



### Scientific Learning

Our topic this half term will be Earth and Space. We will learn:

- To understand that the Earth is spherical
- To use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky
- To know that there are different time zones
- To understand that the length of a day relates to a planet's rotation
- To understand that planets rotate on their own axis

This topic will link with our work in English and music

### Art Learning

We will learn about skylines in London and New York and create a silhouette of one of these using a warm or cold background.



### Music Learning

We will be listening to music from Gustav Holst's The Planet Suite and responding to this. We will be considering how the music is played and the instruments used.

### Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be looking at how symbols and stories help Jewish people remember their covenant with God.



### Computing Learning

We will be:-

- Looking to see how data is transmitted in the context of the 'Mars Rover.'
- Identifying how messages can be sent using binary code.
- Recognising terms such as RAM and CPU.

### PE Learning

Indoor P.E - Dance (based on the Olympics)

Outdoor P.E. - Tennis

In Spring 1 Amberley Class will be working with Mr Mayne to develop their resilience, teamwork and confidence. This outdoor adventurous programme covers first aid and team building exercises. Lewes Class will have the same opportunity in Spring 2.

### How can you help?

- Hearing your child read, ideally twice a week, and discussing the book that they are reading.
- Lots of regular times table testing including both multiplication and division facts. The faster the response, the better!
- Supporting your child with learning their spellings, discussing the meanings of words, putting them into sentences and reviewing spellings from previous weeks



### Events/trips planned for this half term:

- Please see the dates for your diary sheet for general dates of events of things happening in school

Please come and see your class teacher if you need any further information or have a query. We are available at the end of the day on the playground. Alternatively, you are able to email using the following addresses:

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Happy New Year to you and your families.  
The Year 5 team



## Year 5 Learning

### Spring 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas time with your family and friends. Last half term was a very busy one in Year 5 with visiting Preston Manor and developing their skills in swimming. The children thoroughly enjoying learning about life as a Victorian servant, learning how to cross stitch and making their own cross stitch initial.

Now, we look forward to a new year and a new term.

### Spring Term Topic: London vs New York (Geography focus)

We will be learning:

- To use an atlas efficiently
- To locate the continents of Europe and North America
- To locate the cities of London and New York
- To identify similarities and differences between London and New York
- To identify the landmarks in both cities
- About the history of these cities and why they have changed

