

English Learning

In English, we will be looking at narrative poetry. We will learn:

- How narrative poems are composed and read examples
- Write our own narrative poems about the topic of space
- Use the thesaurus to collect brilliant words and edit these.



We will then look at newspapers. We will learn:

- To identify features of newspapers and their purpose
- To write chronologically using formal language
- About the use of quotes

Mathematical Learning

This term we are looking at:

- 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 onto measures. The children will learn:

- To convert between different units of metric measure (for example, kilometre and metre; gram and kilogram; litre and millilitre)
- To understand and use approximate equivalences between metric units and common imperial units such as inches, pounds and pints
- To draw line graphs and read intermediate points

PSHE Learning

We will be looking ahead to the new term, setting targets and thinking about how we grow and change.

French Learning

We will be looking at the weather, where we live and directions

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, 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 using the tools in a program called Sketch Up to explore, create and manipulate 3D shapes.

PE Learning

We will be practising the skills needed in hockey and playing small games. We will be exploring adventurous activities also.

How can you help?

- Continuing to read regularly at home, both independently and to an adult, with lots of discussion about the book
- 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:

- We are looking forward to welcoming a visitor in to talk about hedgehogs
- Please see the dates for your diary sheet for general dates of events of things happening in school

If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about London or New York (or any other topics) and would be happy to come in to talk to the children, please let us know.

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.

Happy New Year to you and your families. The Year Five 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 Five with visiting Brighton to see the Toy and Model museum and the Old Police Cells and finishing off our Victorian topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed becoming police officers and being locked up in the cells! We were also busy rehearsing for the Christmas play, and preparing for the Carol service. We were delighted with how well the children performed in our production of Christmas 1914; the singing was fantastic and it was a real team effort.

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 about:

- The continents of Europe and North America and identifying countries of North America and Europe on a map
- How the UK compares to the USA and describe how they are the same/different e.g. climate, population
- How London and New York have changed over time and why
- Different landmarks in both London and New York

This topic links with our work in English and art.