



Year 5/6



What is my child learning next half term?

Literacy

In Year 5/6 this half term, the focus for the writing genre is Newspaper reports. The children will learn how to structure a news article, identifying common features. The children will learn the common features of a newspaper article, how to structure the piece of writing and how to include an appropriate headline. We will consider the 5 W's What? Where? When? Who? and why?

The children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills within the literacy lessons, paying particular attention to the way information is presented to others by adapting what they say to the needs of their audience.

Literacy will be taught using the class text 'The Ickabog' written by J.K Rowling. This is a brilliantly original fairy tale from one of the World's best storytellers, about the power of hope and friendship to triumph against all the odds.

Science- Properties of materials

In this half term the children will be learning about which specific properties materials possess. They will consider why the properties of a material determine the purpose of that substance. They will look at the viscosity of liquid, how absorbent a material is as well as considering the transparency and translucence of various materials.

Maths

Mrs Cook's group will continue to focus on fractions and decimals and move onto percentages. They will consolidate the methods for the four operations and, in particular, on how to use and apply this knowledge in real life situations.

Mrs Marsden's maths group will explore the recall of times table and division facts at speed, as well as consolidate their understanding of the four operations (+ - ÷ x)

In Mr Lillywhite's maths group the focus will be on securing the children's understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. They will explore methods to find percentages of amounts. The children will also explore time problems as well as interpreting data in a range of formats.

In Mr Jones' maths group, the children will be looking at statistics involving line, bar and scatter diagrams. They will also be focussing on geometry, in particular the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Computing

This half term in computing, we will be using the coding language 'Scratch' to re-create our own version of a classic computer game, Pac Man. We will learn about variables, algorithms, sequencing and loops.

Spanish

This half term the children will learn about jobs and professions. They will use this knowledge to talk about 'the future me', describing what they want to accomplish in the future.

PE (Physical Education)- Striking/Fielding games

In PE lessons this half term, the children will learn the skills involved in team games, including rounders and cricket.

The children will explore tactics within large field games, working as a team to place fielders to defend a lead. The children will also learn how to work as a team to field effectively, considering the quickest way to prevent the opposing team from scoring points.

RE and Collective Worship

In RE this half term, we are going to be exploring how religious belief can help people live through both good times and bad times. For example, how faith in God can bring comfort to those who are going through challenging times, focusing particularly on beliefs found within Christianity and Islam. We will then go on to explore why some people believe in God and why others do not, reflecting on some of the reasons people give for either position and thinking about our own beliefs and traditions.

PSHE- Relationships Education

This half term the children will learn about relationships education. A letter will be issued to all parents next half term to explain this topic in more detail.

*Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you will find the information helpful.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.*