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Year 5

Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 5 we have been...

getting practical in science with our 'Forces' topic. This involved making parachutes to investigate air resistance and also measuring friction using forcemeters.

We have finally finished reading our class novel, Cogheart (it was a meaty book) and the children became really immersed in this.

Check out the sequels if you wish!

The next book we will be reading as a class is 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman.

Reminders/Key dates:

**Back to school on
4 January 2022**

Spring term 2022

4 January - 1 April

Half term

14 February - 18 February

Easter Holiday

4 April - 19 April

(returning on the 20 April)

Training day

19 April

Curriculum:

English

We shall be completing our autobiographies which will be focused on a significant day in our life so far. Following this, the children will start the 'Spooky Story' unit which will involve writing character and setting descriptions.

Science

During this half term, we will be investigating the different properties of materials. Throughout this unit we will be completing a range of different practical lessons focusing on dissolving, evaporating, insulating and separating of materials.

Personal Development

'Dreams and Goals' is the next unit in PD. We will be exploring the value of staying motivated, working collaboratively with others, keeping positive and how to help others achieve their goals.

Maths

We will be focusing on statistics before moving on to measurement which includes area and perimeter.

Computing

Our focus for this half term will be computer science. Pupils will be given the opportunity to learn and practise their coding skills on a range of different platforms and devices, including 'Scratch' and Micro:bit.

Curriculum:

History

In history this half term our topic is Ancient Greece. In this unit we will look at the differences between the Athenians and the Spartans, the Battle of Marathon and Greek gods.

RE

The children will be looking into and discussing what matters most to Humanists and Christians, and examining similarities and differences between Christian and Humanist values.

French

This half term, we will focus on sports and opinions. Learners pronounce cognate and other sports accurately from text, applying their phonics knowledge from previous years. They practise using a dictionary to look up unknown words.

Art

Pupils will begin the term putting together a fun and personal 'All About Me' collage box.

Please send in a shoebox lid or similar shallow box for your child to use.

The boxes will line the corridors and look fantastic!

Pupils will then move on to a 'Dare to Stare' topic beginning with drawing eyes in different media.

Curriculum:

Performing Arts

This term 5GT will be studying Dance & Drama, exploring the West End & Broadway phenomenon, 'Matilda the Musical' - rehearsing and performing key scenes from the play.

In Music, pupils have been learning songs from the hit musical 'Matilda!' In addition, pupils have been refining their piano playing skills by playing musical scores from 'Matilda the Musical'.

Design Technology

Pupils will be starting their new project of shoe box bedrooms. They will be understanding the concept of a plan view and designing their bedrooms using this technique. They will also understand the importance of scale and implementing this in their designs.

PE

5CE will be on OAA in PE, working on a variety of skills, including team work. Meanwhile in games, they will continue with football, before moving on to rugby.

5JC will be looking at fitness in their PE lessons and how their body responds to exercise. In games, they will begin with rugby and then on to netball after a few weeks.

5GT will be on gymnastics for PE, looking at shapes and balances. In their games lessons, they will begin with lacrosse before moving on to football.