



Care



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English

Writing

We will begin the summer term with an exciting writing opportunity to write speeches. These will be inspired by our recent work in history the work of abolitionists, during the time of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. We know that equality and human rights are issues our children feel strongly about so we expect these speeches to reflect this passion. We will then be writing suspense fiction based on the book 'Dragon Mountain' by Katie and Kevin Tsang.

To complement our history units based on the Victorians, we are going to be using the classic text of 'Oliver Twist' to inspire our writing: We will be teaching the children to use a wider range of punctuation marks, such as commas, colons, brackets and dashes.

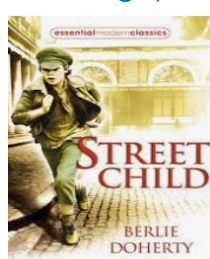
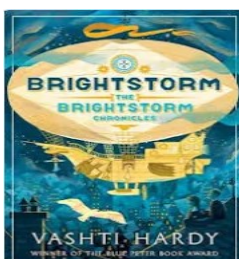
Joined handwriting, presentation and taking pride in our work will continue to be a focus.

Spellings

Spellings will be tested weekly, on a Friday, and new lists will be given out to practise at home. These will also be available on Class Charts for you to access at home.

Reading

Reading for pleasure continues to be a priority in Year 5. We will be exposing the children to a range of wonderful books to encourage the love of reading. These will include books from our reading spine, such



Maths

Geometry

Children will learn how to identify, compare and contrast a range of angles. For the first time, they will be taught how to use protractors to measure, draw and read angles of varying sizes.

We will be revising the names of different types of 2d shapes, including regular and irregular polygons, and making comparisons between them.

Number

Building on from our knowledge of the place value of decimals from the spring term, we will be learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals. We will also further our understanding of negative numbers.

Measurement

Children will learn how to estimate, measure and compare both volume and capacity. They will also be taught how to convert units of measure and read tables.



Arithmetic

We will continue to work on the children's understanding of the four operations, multiplication, division, subtraction and addition to ensure that they are secure.

Times Table Rock Stars

Please encourage your child to practise the quick recall of number facts using TTRS. Times tables come into many areas of



mathematics and knowing them off by heart really helps the children to show confidence in our lessons.



History

This term will be a very exciting one for our children as we are learning about the Industrial Revolution and the Victorians, in history. The children will recognise that this era was characterised by rapid change and



developments in nearly every sphere - from advances in medical, scientific and technological knowledge to changes in

population growth and urbanisation. The children will find out about the inventions and changes to industry during this time. They will explore how coal and iron were mined and how the invention of the steam engine revolutionised the way in which cotton was produced.



Furthermore, they will find out about the life reign of Queen Victoria and what she is remembered for. We will be exploring how people lived, worked and played during the Victorian times. The children will research the working conditions in factories and work-houses.

During the summer term, we hope to visit the Black Country Museum where we can find out more about the industrial revolution.



Geography

New Zealand

We will begin with learning about the culture, physical and human geography of both New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands. The children will learn, that due to its location, this area is prone to earthquakes.

Local Study

We will finish Year 5 by finding out about the geography of our local area and considering the possible issues which our local community might face.



Science

In science, we are going to be learning about the positions of the sun, moon and planets. We will also be exploring the theories of how the world began.

In the second part of the summer term, we are going to be exploring 'Meteorology' (*the study of the weather*). During this fascinating topic, we are going to find out about the weather and the different layers of the atmosphere.



Physical Education

In PE, this term, we will be focusing on developing our skills in outdoor adventure activities and rounders.

Later in the term, we will also be preparing for our school sports day, practicing lots of races against our peers.



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Art and DT

In art, the children will be introduced to the work of artists such as: Hokusai, Rembrandt and Hogarth. They will be looking at the techniques involved in print-making and will be having a go at making their own print.



Computing

Our first unit involves using the Google Drawing APP to create vector drawings. They will use shapes and lines and will work towards more complex drawings. Then, we will learn how to create quizzes using Scratch.

Spanish

This term, we will begin by looking at the vocabulary for clothes. This will include the correct genders and articles for different items of clothes. Later on in the term, we will be learning how to describe the weather.

RE

In RE, the children will explore their understanding of journeys through their personal responses to Buddhist pilgrimage.

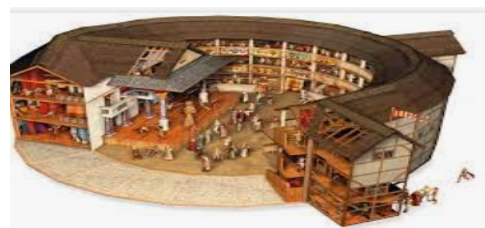


Music

This term, we will revisit our learning about Shakespeare's play, 'Macbeth' from earlier on in the spring term. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the work of William Shakespeare so we have decided to show off our learning through a performance based on the famous bard. We are eagerly anticipating showing off our singing and acting skills during our play based on Shakespeare.

We have been busy learning the songs, making costumes and rehearsing lines. We look forward to seeing this all come together at the beginning of the term.

The two performances of 'Come to the Globe' will take place on 23rd April at 9.30am and 2.30pm



PHSE

In our topic of 'Relationships', we will learn how to respect each other and how to solve friendship difficulties.

In the second part of this term, we will be studying a unit called 'Changing Me'. We will be discussing how we change as we grow older.