

Autumn 2: Learning in Year 4 and 5

English

Our reading sees us exploring a text by Katherine Rundell, called The Explorer.
Our writing will be working on myths and legend, balanced arguments and poetry of reading and writing poems that use word play.
Spelling will be about understanding homophones and words ending in –tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian,

Supporting your child with their learning

- Practise timetables with inverse calculations too
- Get your child to read every night – this really does help
- Provide a quiet space to complete homework and help where you can
- Maths related – help your child tell the time.

What we are reading this half term:

- The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Science – Animals including humans

Year 4 and 5 will be taught to:

Describe the differences in the lifecycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird
Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals
The pupils will also take part in weekly wander and monthly meander

History – Ancient Greece

Over 2 half terms, Year 4 and 5 will be focussing on:

- Chronology through the significant periods of time for Ancient Greeks
- Beliefs of the Ancient Greeks
- Comparison between the city-states of Athens and Sparta
- Birth of democracy in Athens
- Importance of theatre, myths and fables
- Significance of the Battle of Marathon, Thermopylae and Salamis
- Importance and purpose of Olympic Games
- Impact Alexander the Great had on Ancient Greece

Maths

The half term starts with us learning about multiplication and division, understanding vocabulary like multiples, factors, square and cube numbers and then x and ÷ by 10, 100 and 1000. We will the finish the half term looking at fractions, comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting.

PSHE – Identity, society and equality

Stereotypes, discrimination and prejudice
Pupils learn:
• about stereotyping, including gender stereotyping
• about prejudice and discrimination and how this can make people feel

DT - Food and Nutrition

In this block, pupils will look to Middle Eastern and Danish foods for inspiration and consider what they can learn from the diets of different cultures. They will learn how to make flatbreads and use a range of techniques to make delicious, appetising food.

P.E

At Year 4 will continue with swimming while Year 5 will work on net and wall games like badminton.
Our joint lesson will be gymnastics and working on balance and creating sequences.

Educational / Enrichment Visits

Cinema trip

Christmas Carol service



Computing – Video Production

Learners will learn how to create short videos by working in pairs or groups. As they progress through this unit, they will be exposed to topic-based language and develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video.

Music – Singing

Year 4 and 5 will be learning the songs for the Young Voices concert that our choir and some children are taking part in. The children will develop their singing voices and confidence in projection.

French

By the end of the unit, we will know:

- Numbers up to 100
- Seven different emotions

R.E – Prophecy and Promise

Children will learn about:
• Old Testament Prophets: Students study the role and messages of the Hebrew prophets who spoke to God's people during times of challenge, calling them back into relationship and keeping hope alive.
• The Promise of a Messiah: They explore how prophetic writings point forward to the coming of the Messiah (Jesus Christ).
• Advent and Anticipation: The unit ties closely into the liturgical season of Advent, teaching children about waiting, hope, and spiritual preparation.