

Literacy

Our literacy this term will cover writing Autobiographies and Biographies. The focus of this writing is using the past tense and writing in chronological order. Children will also need to demonstrate that they have mastered the Year 4 writing objectives during their first few weeks in Year 5.

We will then move on to writing newspaper reports, crime reports and short stories where we will concentrate on developing our descriptive and figurative writing skills.

Along with covering these key writing genres, we will also be writing a lot as part of our Topic work. We will write short stories about Greek Gods and Goddesses, will write letters from Odysseus to his beloved Penelope, learn about writing and performing play scripts as well as covering poetry too.

In Year 5 we want our writing to be as cross curricular as possible!

Maths

Our maths this term will focus purely on the fundamentals of mathematics at Year 5 level. We will look at number in considerable detail. Topics covered will be: Number and place value—this will help us to understand that value of numbers from 0—1,000,000. It will also cover number patterns, comparison of numbers and handling large numbers; Addition and Subtraction—this will look at how we add and subtract numbers mentally and using column methods with numbers from 0—1,000,000; Multiplication and Division, this will look at how we multiply and divide numbers up to 100,000 and will include important strategies for completing mental and written strategies for both of these key skills; Word problems—this will help us apply our knowledge in real life situations.

Topic: Ancient Greece

Term: Autumn

Year: 2018

ICT

In our computing sessions this term we will be learning about game development in our ICT topic, 'We are game developers'. In this unit of work, children will be working collaboratively to design and create a working game using Scratch. This can easily be found online by Googling 'Scratch'. Why not have a go at home.

History

Our history sessions will be spent learning all about Ancient Greece. To help us along with this adventurous subject we will be reading 'The Adventurous of Odysseus' who was a Greek King. These stories will give us a great insight into the world of Ancient Greece and allow us to explore their beliefs and traditions from the comfort of our classroom.

Geography

Our geography sessions will focus on European geography and will link closely with Ancient Greece.

PE

Days are Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

Children can only take part if they are wearing full PE kit including correct footwear.

Throughout this term, children will be learning about how to create and play their own versions of popular playground games.

They will also be completing their gymnastics sessions for the year where they will learn about different ways to move and how to create sequences of movements in similar ways to the gymnasts that they may see on the television.

Science

Our first science topic will be 'Our Changing World'. This topic takes an in depth look at how plants reproduce to continue their species. We look at different ways of propagating plants and learn about which plants grow best in certain spaces. We will also look at how we can grow plants in certain spaces to yield as many crops as possible.

Our second topic is the 'Circle of Life' topic. In this topic we look at the life cycles of different animals including: mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We complete this topic by taking a look at some of the incredible journeys that different animals take during their life cycles and what humans do to help animals that are considered to be endangers.

Our final topic for this term looks at reproduction in plants and animals and takes a scientific look at how offspring are created.

RE

Our Religious Education will concentrate on Buddhism this term. We will learn about where Buddha came from, how he became Buddha and what his main teachings are. We will talk about how people around the world live by the eightfold path and discuss how it is similar to our own morals and school rules.

PSHE

Our PSHE will concentrate on having a growth mindset