

English

In the first term we will be:

- Enjoying the classic narrative poem, 'The Highwayman' through drama; producing a range of writing genres inspired by this, plus an anthology of poems about Space called 'Cosmic Disco'
- Finding out all about Sir William Shakespeare and studying his the tragic love story, 'Rome and Juliet'.
- Reading and writing non-fiction texts based on our History topics (See below!)
- Our main focuses in writing will be using increasingly adventurous vocabulary, varying sentence structure and using sophisticated punctuation, e.g. dashes for parenthesis, semi-colons and ellipses. Similarly, in reading our focuses will be empathy and inference. There will be reading home-work to complement the skills learnt in class
- SPAG will continue to be embedded into the curriculum with focused lessons and weekly home-work. We will be following our new school 'No-Nonsense Spelling Programme' to inform and supplement our usual spelling work
- Good 'English' skills will be expected across the whole curriculum



Mathematics



- This term we will be focusing mainly on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Statistics and Mental skills
 - Within each of these, the children will become fluent, asked to problem-solve and reason with the maths in verbal and written form
 - We will also be encouraging the children to represent their maths with models and images to ensure a deeper understanding of each concept.
 - There will be daily times tables activities and a times table per week will be tested on a Friday. Although time is spent working on multiplication and division facts during school time, it is imperative that the children practise these at home too
 - There is a strong focus on active participation, collaborative work and enjoyment in order to get the best out of the children. We often incorporate active and practical activities into our lessons. All children respond well to this and therefore are keen to learn and progress
- Fridays will consist of our 'Memory Jogger' tasks which will focus on arithmetic and reasoning skills
- Homework will be weekly and will be arithmetic / number-biased

Creative Curriculum

Science: Properties and Changes of Matter; Earth and Space

Computing: E-safety; Computer Skills; Programming

Art/Design/DT: Portraits; using different Media to represent Space

History: Space Race and Moon Landing; Tudors and Stuarts

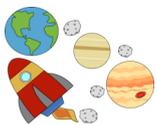
Music: Improvising and composing music to represent the planets; listening to 'The Planets' Suite'; Musical Minds lessons

RE: Precious Things; Christmas in Art

PE: Dance; Gymnastics; Invasion Games

MFL: Spanish

PSHE: P4C (Philosophy for Children); SEAL units; Emotional Wellbeing



Thinking and Learning Skills in Year 5

As well as the thinking and learning that goes on automatically in lessons, we will be particularly focusing on the following life skills:

Mindfulness (e.g. calming strategies, yoga and meditation); empathy for others (often through our reading work but also in Thoughtful Thursday activities and Circle Time); being creative, imaginative and original in activities like Fantasy Friday — as we often say to the children, think outside the box and try to think of something no-one else has! We also expect more and more resilience and willingness to learn from mistakes and stick at a task!

