



English

This term we will be exploring Michael Morpurgo's emotional novel, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and produce a range of empathetic reading and writing. As well as this, we will be reading non-fiction texts related to our topic work. If the children wish to read any other Michael Morpurgo books at home, please do encourage them!

The 'We Are Speakers' challenges will continue and writing tasks will again be a mixture of English-biased writing, e.g. responses to the texts we are reading, and work related to our topics, e.g. writing in the role of a character from history. The key skills of knowing the audience and purpose, structure and organisation, varying sentence types, using ambitious vocabulary and punctuation will continue to be emphasised. Our morning foci will be on sentences and paragraphs. (Super Sentences and Perfect Paragraphs!).

Weekly SPAG lessons will ensure coverage of the Year 5 expectations, e.g. brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis; relative clauses; modal verbs and words ending in -ible and -able etc, plus regular work on spelling rules and patterns.

Mathematics

This term we will be focusing mainly on written methods for multiplication, Area and Perimeter, as well as Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Within each of these, the children will become fluent and 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 as the Year 5 curriculum depends on knowing them well.

'Memory Jogger' Fridays will continue, where children will consolidate a range of arithmetic and reasoning skills. 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. Homework will be weekly and will be arithmetic /number-biased. Homework will always be set on Mondays and due in on Thursdays.

Creative Curriculum

Science—Forces.

Computing—Programming (Scratch); Animation; Google Earth.

P.E.— Cricket; Net/Wall Games; Circuit Training; Swimming.

R.E.—Christianity/ The Easter Story.

Music—Improvising and composing music to represent Earth

Geography—Active Planet.

Art and Design—Earthquake-proof structures

MFL—Spanish.

PSHE— SEAL units: 'Say No To Bullying' and 'Going for Goals'; Mindfulness



Additional Information

This term we will be swimming for a two week block, commencing on Tuesday 22nd January. Please see the separate letter for more information. Normal P.E. kits (including warmer outdoor clothing) should be in school at all times, as our PE days may change throughout the term. Year 5 will be receiving specialist Cricket coaching from Cheshire Cricket Club - these sessions will take place on Thursday afternoons. We will also have Mr Donelan this term for Basketball sessions on a Wednesday afternoon.

The homework timetable is the same as the Autumn term. We appreciate your continued support with this, helping the children to take responsibility for it.

