

This half term Year 5/6 are learning about:

Ancient Egypt



English

In English, Year 5 will begin with a poetry unit: learning a poem before using it as a model to write their own! After that, the children will focus on a Portal Story (The Time-slip Scarab), learning to write similar stories of their own. Throughout both units, children will be improving their spelling, grammar knowledge and have opportunities to edit and improve their work. Both Year 5 classes will be introduced to their first class book. In Year 5, both classes are reading 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl.

This half term, Year 6 will be exploring a short story called 'Blackberry Blue' by Jamila Gavin. Throughout the unit, children will be developing their reading skills, understanding of grammar, spelling and use of punctuation. There will be a range of writing opportunities, with pupils composing character and setting descriptions, diaries and letters. In both classes, handwriting will be practised daily in order for children to achieve the expected standard by the end of Year 6. Children must use a joined style.

Science- Properties and changes of materials

In their Science lessons, children will be using their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated. This will include through filtering, sieving and evaporating. The children will undertake several experiments in which they will be developing their working scientifically skills. The children will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including solubility. They will learn that a solute (solid) is soluble if it dissolves and insoluble if it does not.

Maths



This half term, Year 5 will be becoming more familiar with numbers up to 1 million. They will read, write, order and round numbers, to ensure a good understanding of place value. After this, Year 5 children will move on to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with whole numbers, learning both mental and written methods. Children will also revise their times table (to 12×12) – aiming to recall facts quickly and successfully. They will also revise key concepts in geometry (including co-ordinates).

Year 6 will also start by developing their understanding of numbers – reading, writing, comparing, ordering and rounding numbers up to 10 million. The children will then focus on developing efficient mental and written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; tackling open ended problems to get them thinking and reasoning mathematically. Children will revise a number of concepts from Year 5 including geometry and measurement.

Geography/History

Year 5 and 6 will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They will discover what they believed in and about the Egyptian Gods and Goddesses, how they used hieroglyphics, what mummification is and what remains of the Ancient Egyptians. They will learn about a few key pharaohs and will learn why people settled by the River Nile. They will locate Egypt, the River Nile, key cities and the pyramids upon a map.

Art

In Art this half term, Year 5 and 6 will be developing their drawing skills. They will explore Man Ray's work and take time to explore using different techniques, using both pencil and charcoal. The children will then produce their own drawing of an eye, using the skills learnt over the half term.

PE

In Year 5 and Year 6 PE topics will be Athletics and OAA/ Fitness. Children will be using a range of equipment and developing their skills and fitness.



PE kits
needed
Monday to
Friday

Key Vocabulary

This term, Year 5 are learning the following words:

- Rhyme
- Archaeologist
- Solution
- Perseverance
- Particles
- Determination
- Filtering

This term, Year 6 are learning the following words:

- Perseverance
- abruptly
- unhindered
- humiliated
- despair
- rejoiced
- yearned
- indulged

RE/PSHE

The first topic focuses on family: Year 5 will study 'Ourselves'. In this topic, children will gain a deeper awareness of 'Who I am'; understanding that we are all made in the image and likeness of God.



Year 6 will study 'Loving', a topic in which they explore the love and care that people show to others, including those in need. They will gain an understanding that God's love is unconditional and never ending. The second topic of the half term explores themes of 'Belonging'. Year 5 will find out about the sacrament of Marriage while Year 6 will explore 'Vocation and Commitment'.



French/ Music

This half term, Year 6 will be learning the key vocabulary for numbers and will focus on vocabulary for the family. This will involve speaking, listening and writing opportunities.

This half term, Year 5 will be learning about Jazz music and Hip Hop.

Things to do at home

- Regular reading with your child. When they have finished the book, ask them questions about what they have read.
- Practise times tables.
- Complete homework and spelling homework and hand it in on a Friday