

# This half term Year 5/6 are learning about:



## English

In English this half term, Year 5 will be starting by learning the features of an imagination story using the short video clip: 'Taking Flight'. The children will then create their own sequel, remembering to edit their work throughout. Following this, we will end the year with a free verse poetry unit based on poems by Rachel Rooney. Both classes will continue reading their class book: Mrs Moses's class will continue reading 'The Day I fell into a Fairy-tale' by Ben Miller and Miss Fura's class will read 'Libby and the Parisian Puzzle' by Jo Clarke.

In Year 6, the children will be composing narrative pieces – using Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So' stories as their stimulus. They will explore and retell a key story before creating their own story. We will then end the year with a narrative poetry unit based on 'The Highway Man'. Throughout this half term, grammar, punctuation, and spelling will remain high-profile with children being expected to proof-read their work whenever they write. Both classes will also be continuing with their class books. In Ms Noon's class they will be reading 'The Highland Falcon Thief' by M.G. Leonard and in Miss Billington's class they will be listening to 'Grimwood' by Nadia Shireen.

## Geography: South America

In geography this half term, Year 5 and 6 will be learning about South America. They will find out about the location and countries of South America as well as the climate, physical and human geography, and trade in this continent. They will end the unit by comparing an area of South America with the UK.

## Maths



This half term, Year 5 will be spending the final five weeks revising the different units that have been covered this year. We will begin with revisiting written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; this will be followed by rounding both whole numbers and decimals. Next, we will spend some time looking at fractions and finish with shapes and their properties.

Year 6 will begin the half term by completing some work on algebra.

During these sessions, they will learn to use algebra to describe a pattern and also how to solve simple algebraic equations. After this, they will be engaged in themed projects from White Rose.

Both Year 5 and 6 will continue to develop their arithmetic skills during Morning Work and regular tests.

## Science: Properties and Materials



This half term, Year 5 and Year 6 will be developing their understanding of reversible and irreversible changes when exploring heating, mixing, burning and rusting. They will also be learning how the work of scientists affects our everyday life – for example: the work of chemists to create new materials.

Year 6 will also be covering Evolution and Inheritance this half term.

## Art

In art, Year 5 and 6 will be learning about collage based on creations by Beatriz Milhazes. We will focus on some of her inspirations: Brazilian carnivals and exotic flowers, linking this with our geography unit of South America. Children will use a combination of bright colours, straight lines, concentric circles and materials to create their own collage.

## PE



This half term, both Year 5 and 6 will focus on football and rounders. In football, the children will have the opportunity to develop their kicking, dribbling, and passing skills as well as their understanding of attacking and defending. In Year 6, the focus will be on applying these skills within game situations. In rounders, the children will be developing their hitting and fielding skills. They will also learn to follow the rules of the game.

The children will also be continuing with the 'Daily Mile' to aid their physical and mental wellbeing. We have got some new pedometers so that the children can track their steps when walking, jogging and running.

PE kits  
needed  
Monday to  
Friday

## Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in

Year 5 include:

- sequel
- arid
- tropical
- trade
- export

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in

Year 6 include:

- reversible
- irreversible
- properties
- mixture
- rusting

## Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Learn times tables using the new Times Tables Rock Star app.
- ❖ Complete homework and spelling homework and hand it in on a Wednesday.
- ❖ Learn how to tell the time.

## RE/PSHE



To begin the half term, Year 5 will be completing their work on the 10 Commandments and the Beatitudes as part of their unit 'Freedom and Responsibility' and Year 6 will complete their topic, 'Healing', with a focus on the Anointing of the Sick.

To end the half term, both classes will be completing a unit of work based around CAFOD in their World topics. Year 6 will be completing the topic 'Common Good' and Year 5 will be completing the topic 'Stewardship'. The children will also have a chance to deepen their understanding of our weekly mission through Mission Circles and Circle Time.

## Music



This half term, Year 5 and Year 6 will continue to learn songs to perform during their end of year performance.

## RSE

This half term, Year 5 will be focussing on Module 2, 'Created to love others'. This unit looks at the different people who we can trust; the effects that substances can have on our bodies and how we need to make the right choices to look after ourselves, even if that means saying 'no'. We will finish by looking at the recovery position to support us in helping others.

In Year 6, we will be working on units within Modules 3 and 4, 'Emotional Well-Being' and 'Life Cycles'. The sessions will focus on body image, emotional changes during puberty, how a baby grows and develops in its mother's womb and menstruation.