

English Learning will be centered around two, new texts, (fiction and non-fiction) and work will cover a range of writing, including reports, narrative and letter writing. This term sees the launch of our 'Word of the Week', a strategy for developing and enriching pupils' experiences of vocabulary. The pupils will select the word to share with the school in our Celebration Assembly at the end of the week. In Year 5, we use small group guided reading tasks throughout the term, supplemented with whole class shared reading lessons, which will provide additional reading experiences in a wide variety of genres. There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to read for enjoyment and visit the library.

Science
Main topics this term are Materials and Healthy Lifestyles, which includes Drug Education and Relationship and Sex Education (RSE). The children will have lots of opportunity for scientific enquiry through practical explorations of materials and their properties. Towards the end of the second half term, we are planning to visit the Science museum with Year 4!

R.E
This term, Year 5 children will learn about humanism and explore how diverse communities can live together identifying common values, justice, respect and shared human responsibility.

Art
We will be focusing on architecture and collage this term, looking at the work of Stephen Wiltshire and Jenny English as the inspiration for our own art. We will use our sketchbooks to try out different collage techniques.

Music
Our focus this term is listening to and reflecting on classical music; improvisation; composition and performance. Pupils will start by listening to and appraising classical music from 'The Four Seasons' by Vivaldi, with a focus on 'Winter'.

Topic
This term, we will complete our geography focus with a field trip to the River Lea, before becoming historians and turning our attention to the Victorians! We will look at inventions, the changes that took place and their impact, and how children's lives changed so dramatically over the course of the era. In the second half of the term, we will find out about the local history of The Oval.

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**Spring Term 2022
Curriculum Overview
for
Year 5**

P.E
This term, P.E will take place on Thursdays and Fridays only *until half-term*. Please ensure children come to school in their P.E. kit on Fridays and that this includes appropriate outdoor and indoor PE shoes, school uniform shorts and t-shirt. On Thursday afternoons, Y5 will continue to go swimming; children will need to bring their swimwear and towel in a waterproof bag. After half-term, Y5 will stop swimming sessions and resume a Wednesday, coach-led lesson in school.

Mathematics We use the Herts for Learning Essentials Maths Scheme to develop key learning skills in this subject. Breaking the sequences down into small steps, we aim to ensure all children can move forward together, with plenty of opportunity to challenge and extend all learners. Key skills this term include understanding place value, strategies for +, -, x and ÷ and problem solving. Children will be encouraged to use apparatus and pictorial representation to develop a deeper understanding of each concept. Please practice times tables/division facts regularly, in random order, to help maintain a speedy mental recall. Using 'Times Tables Rock Stars' will help with this.

Computing
This term, we will be finding out about databases, interrogating data and creating our own. We will also be developing our coding skills in the second half of the term for our Design Technology project, using Crumble kits to design and make a night light, using criteria from their own research.

P.S.H.E
This term, our first topic is Healthy Lifestyles, which includes drug education. Later in the term, we will learn about the importance of healthy relationships and puberty as part of our RSE sessions. There will be a parents meeting for this, should you wish to view the materials used and ask any questions you have about how the topic is delivered. Details of this will follow later.

French
We will continue to build on essential vocabulary using a selection of games and fun activities, with a focus on food!

Other Information
Our Y5 structure for staffing remains the same this term: Mrs Dada and Mrs Bentley will continue to teach PSHE and French on Monday afternoons; Mrs Davey will teach RE on Thursday afternoons after swimming and Mrs Dada will take the class on Fridays. Home Learning will be set on Fridays and is expected to be handed in by the following Thursday for us to see. Please make sure your child records when they read during the week in their planner. If we need to communicate general messages home, we will do this through the planner so it is important that they are brought to school every day. We are pleased to be participating again in the Herts K-nex Challenge – this will take place for the whole class on Monday 28th March.