



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Spring 2018

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This is a summary of the learning programme for your child this term;

	English	We will continue to cover a range of grammar topics based on the Year 5 curriculum to improve grammar and punctuation as well as focus on spelling the appropriate word lists and learning a range of spelling rules and phonics. We will link our writing, where possible, to the topic eg poetry in the first half term with the theme of plants and animals. Our guided reading will continue with group and class texts to develop comprehension skills.
	Maths	In Maths our focus will be on multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages, however pupils will be taught a range of subjects according to ability and their personal programme of study. All pupils will need to continue to learn their times tables and basic number facts.
	Topic	Our main topic this term is Geography based and is a study North and South America. This will include studying the different climate zones, natural features such as mountains and rivers and the human geography of settlement, land use and economic activity. In the second half term we will have a short History based topic related to the life and settlements
	Science	We will start the term by having a focus on classifying plants and animals according to their features and learning about specific animal groups such as mammal, amphibians and birds and life cycles of animals and plants.
	Religious Education	Our RE studies will begin nearer to Easter as we will be studying the belief that Easter was a victory when good triumphed over evil. Pupils will also learn about festivals in one other religious tradition – the Jewish Passover. As a link to our studies of America we will be studying Martin Luther King as our famous person from history and looking at his views and beliefs.
	Music	Linked to the topic North and South America pupils will learn about native North American music, country and western, jazz and big band. They will perform and play a tuned instrument (glockenspiels, recorders or own instrument) to play as a class ensemble, reading from the stave.
	ART/DT	We will be linking our Art and Design Technology studies to the topic of North and South America as we study the 1960s art movement called Pop Art and our DT will be to design and make burgers!!
	Computing	We will continue to develop coding and word processing skills as well as learning how to search the Internet safely and efficiently.
	PE	Dance is linked to the theme of North and South America, including the Samba (Rio carnival). Composing movements as a class, in small groups and as an individual.
	Language	We will be focusing on the theme of 'School life' where pupils will develop their knowledge of vocabulary related to this topic and practising their written and spoken skills.

Additional information:

Friday 16th February school is closed for an Inset day, 19th to 23rd February is half term. Spring term ends on Thursday 29th March and we open again on Monday 16th April. Parents' Evening this year is 13th and 15th February, World Book Day is 1st March. The next parent workshops will be topic based, week commencing 12th March. The Road Safety and Travel Awareness team will be coming into school week commencing 12th February to promote safer cycling. More information will follow. The school disco is on Thursday 22nd March after school. We will celebrate Sports' Relief on 23rd March and the Home and School Associations Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Wednesday 28th March.