Year 5, Autumn 2, 2026-2027

Welcome back Year 5, we hope you had a restful half term! We made a fantastic start in our first half term and are looking forward to another successful half term with the exciting activities we have planned for Autumn 2.

English

Non- Fiction Unit - Scott of the Antarctic

In this unit, we will be exploring the incredible story of Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his expedition to the South Pole. The children will discover the challenges and dangers faced by Scott and his team as they battled freezing temperatures, harsh weather conditions and extreme exhaustion on their journey across Antarctica. Through reading, discussion and drama, we will explore the thoughts and feelings of the explorers before writing our own diary entries and descriptive pieces.

Narrative Unit - The Christmas Truce.

In this unit, we will be exploring the heart-warming story of the Christmas Truce during the First World War through our Write Stuff unit. The children will discover how British and German soldiers put aside their differences on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in 1914, sharing a moment of peace in the middle of the conflict. Through reading, discussion and drama, we will explore the thoughts and feelings of the soldiers before writing our own powerful and emotive pieces.

Science

In science this half term our topic is 'Forces". In this topic the children will look at and explain the effects of gravity.

They will also identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces. Finally they will explore how levers, pulleys, springs and gears transfer force and motion.

Maths

This half term we will move on to some work on fractions. This will involve looking at equivalent fractions, mixed number and improper fractions, comparing and ordering fractions and adding and subtracting fractions.



Dates for your Diary!

Fri 13th Nov - Children in Need Day

Fri 20th Nov- Odd Socks Day

Wed 2nd Dec - Christmas dinner and jumper day.

W.C 7th December - Upper KS2 Carol concert, date tbc.

Wed 9th December - PTFA Christmas Fair after school

W.C. 14th Dec - Christmas Craft Morning/Afternoon - Further information to follow

Wed 16th December KS2 Circus Skills Day

Thurs 17th December - Class Christmas Party

Fri 18th December - School closes for Christmas 1.30pm

Computing

This half term we will look at video editing. During this unit the children will learn how to create short videos in groups. They will develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating videos.



MFL/French

In French children will learn the syntax of writing a date. They will learn numbers 1-31 and all the months of the year. We will be practising saying the date of our own birthday and exploring some French festivals and their dates.

RE and Worship.

R.E: This half-term the children will explore the question 'Why do some people believe in God and some people not?'



Worship:
Throughout the year, children will participate in school, key stage and class worship. They will be encouraged to plan and lead worship regularly.

Geography

In geography this half term, we will be developing our mapping and navigation skills. The children will learn how to use a compass, identify the four and eight compass points and use directional language to describe routes and locations. We will explore different types of maps, looking at the features, symbols and keys used to represent places and landmarks. The children will also develop their understanding of grid references, learning how to locate specific places using four- and six-figure grid references.

PE

PE sessions will take place on a Thursday and Friday. Children should come into school wearing their PE kits on both days.This half term, the children will be focusing on Orienteering and Outdoor and Adventurous Activities.



Music

This half term the children will take part in a Theme and Variations Project inspired by Mozart's Twinkle Variations and Mahler 1 (Frere Jacques).

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we will explore the big question 'What does a healthy friendship look like?'



Art

In art this half term the children will create a painting inspired by the work of artist Jacqueline Hurley.

Things to remember:

Reading Record, reading book and water bottle need to come into school each day. Homework is set every Wednesday for the following Wednesday.

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