

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be looking at narrative aspects, in particular, focusing on character descriptions and alternative endings, before moving on to writing a persuasive formal text the second half term. Throughout our sequence, we will be looking at trying to incorporate apostrophes, figurative language and colons and semi-colons as well as recapping modal verbs, relative clauses and expanded noun phrases.

Maths

Moving into the spring term, we will be concentrating on using short multiplication and division to multiply and divide four-digit numbers by two-digit numbers, before moving on to fractions, decimals and percentages in the second half term. To deepen their understanding, we will be using concrete resources, such as: numicon, base 10 and place value counters within place value grids.

Music and Art

Our learning this term is going to be focused on the pop song 'Make You Feel My Love'. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other pop ballads. In art, we are comparing two key artists, whose work was inspired by human anatomy. Whilst looking at Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, we will focus on developing our sketching skills.

Outbreak

PE

This term we will be focusing on basketball. We will be teaching the key skills of basketball, such as: dribbling, passing, shooting, defending and team work.

Science

Over the next two half terms, we will be looking at 'Animals including humans' and 'Living things and their habitats', where we will be looking at identifying, sorting, grouping and classifying living things. They will learn how animals are split into 'vertebrates' and 'invertebrates' and begin to consider the differences between living things within these classifications.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be continuing with using jigsaw, this term the unit we will be looking at is 'dreams and goals' and 'healthy me' where we will be looking at our hopes and dreams for the future and how we can keep our body healthy, through healthy eating and exercise and the factors that can affect health, for example, smoking, drugs and alcohol.

History and Geography

We will be looking at the different epidemics and pandemics that have affected the different decades, such as cholera, plague, TB etc. and the difference between these diseases and chronic illness', such as cancer, MS, diabetes etc. We will then move on to looking at the differences and changes in medicines and operations, whilst paying homage to the NHS and comparing our health care system, with that of different countries. In Geography, we will be developing our map work skills, looking at the different countries that have been affected by epidemics, pandemics and/or both, we will then move on to where in the world medicines have been created, researched and developed.

Y5 Spring Newsletter

Important dates for your diary:

- Monday 6th January 2020 – School opens
- Wednesday 8th January 2020 – Young voices
- Friday 24th January 2020 – KS2 Music parent workshop
- Wednesday 12th February 2020 – Parents evening
- Thursday 13th February 2020 – School closes for half term
- Friday 14th February 2020 – Teacher training day
- Monday 24th February 2020 – School reopens
- Thursday 5th March 2020 – World book day
- Friday 13th March 2020 – Sports Relief
- Friday 3rd April 2020 – School closes for Easter



Spellings

Spelling techniques are taught within lessons. Children will be sent home with a list of words on a Monday. There will then be a dictation test on the Friday. Please encourage your child to practice their spellings each week!

PE

Class 11's PE will be on a **Thursday afternoon**.

Class 12's PE will be on a **Thursday afternoon** and a **Friday morning**.

Appropriate kits are expected to be in school on these days as both are important and enjoyable parts of the curriculum.

REMINDER: Children's P.E. kits **should consist of blue or black shorts**, a white t-shirt and trainers or pumps. Tracksuit bottoms are optional during colder weather.