

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be looking at writing and performing a Public Service Announcement, trying to persuade the public to take extra precaution with hygiene, to prevent further spread of the Coronavirus outbreak. The children will be looking at formal and informal language and recapping skills, such as: colons and semi-colons, parenthesis and modal verbs.

Maths

Continuing into the second half of the spring term, we will be concentrating on fractions, in particular, converting between fractions, decimals and percentages, before starting to look at ratios. 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 old-school hip-hop song "Prince of Bel Air". As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other classic hip hop songs. In art, we are continuing to compare 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 orienteering. We will be teaching the key skills of team work, map work and compass skills, as well as re-visiting rolls and movements in gymnastics, with an aim to creating our own routine.

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 'healthy me', where we will be looking at 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 continue 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. They 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 **Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning**

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