

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be focusing on Doctor Frankenstein and Frankenstein's monster. We will be writing a descriptive piece of writing about Frankenstein's monster's appearance and personality. The skills this term will involve apostrophes to show possession, this will help when the children refer to Frankenstein's monster's appearance and personality. We will also be looking at similes and how we can change them into hyphenated sentences.

Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to focus on multiplication and division, recapping the written methods of short multiplication and short division until every member of the class is confident. We will also be looking at factors and multiples and focus on lowest and highest common multiples and factors. Towards the end of the term, we will be focusing on fractions and how we convert fractions into decimal numbers. Can we please ask to support their learning that you do times table practice with your children at home?

Art

We are going to research the work of Katsushika Hokusai, who created the wood block print of The Great Wave of Kanagawa. We will create colour pallets to colour match and experiment with brush techniques and use acrylic paint to create texture within the painting.

S.O.S

PE

This term we will be focusing on health and fitness. Children will learn from a variety of lessons: how their body reacts to exercise, how exercise can contribute to a healthy active lifestyle and from looking at their bodies, they will understand how their anatomy works (muscles and body areas).

History

This term we will be focusing on the French Revolution. The children will understand what was happening in France at the time and why it led for the people to revolt. We will look at the consequences of this event and the changes to France which followed.

Science

We will be looking at materials and their properties. We will compare and group everyday materials on the basis of their properties and learn which materials: dissolve, evaporate or are soluble.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be continuing with using jigsaw, this term we will be looking further into 'anti-bullying', where we will be looking at the differences between direct and indirect bullying and the impact that this has on people.

Geography

We will be using maps and globes to locate different countries and continents affected by natural disasters. We will also use Google Earth images to locate the Ring of Fire. Understand physical Geography, such as: the different types of natural disasters and what causes them.

Y5 Spring 1 Newsletter

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and that the children are coming back refreshed and ready for the Spring Term.

Our global learning this half term will focus on SOS – Natural disasters. We will be learning all about famous events as well as the various disasters which can occur and why. We will also use our geographical knowledge to look into why different countries have different disasters and why they cannot occur everywhere. We want to follow the children's interests so time will be put aside for us to investigate any questions your children may have and give them more control over their learning.

Important dates for your diary:

- Monday 3rd January – Bank Holiday
- Friday 10th February – staff training day

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

Appropriate kits are expected to be in school as PE is an important and enjoyable part of the curriculum.

REMINDER: Children's P.E. kits should consist of blue or black shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers or pumps.