

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be using the focus text, "Windrush Child" by Benjamin Zephaniah in order to write a recount of his incredible life as an immigrant from the Caribbean who moved to England. We will explore the experiences and challenges he faced and retell these in chronological order focusing on cohesion and past tense verbs.

We will then be answering the question, "Should I move to England?", based on the text, 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. We will learn new Year 5 grammar skills such as relative pronouns and clauses as well as modal verbs to look at the positives and negatives of leaving the Caribbean and coming to England.

Maths

During this half term, we will recap our addition and subtraction skills before moving onto multiplication and division. We will be building on our knowledge of written methods and times tables from Year 4 to multiply a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number using long multiplication before dividing a 4-digit number by a 1-digit number using short division. We will also learn all about prime, square and cube numbers as well as common factors before multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1,000, using our place value knowledge. By the end of the half term, will be solving problems involving all four of the operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Art

This term we will be focusing on sculpture. We will explore what sculpture means and look at different examples before analysing Conisbrough Castle. We will then be using clay to practise the skill of sculpting including making a slip, scoring the clay and making thumb pots so that we can make a class sculpture of the castle.

DT

This term, we will be continuing to construct and build our very own 'Welcome to Doncaster' light box. We will be assembling the structure and completing the circuit to light up our boxes.

PE

This term, our PE will be Basketball. This will be delivered by our basketball coach every Tuesday afternoon.

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Personal Development

In our personal development lessons, we will be using 1Decision to learn about smoking, engaging in effective discussion around these areas exploring the effects that they can have on our health and wellbeing. We will also be discussing how people can be pressured into smoking as well as debating the use of E-Cigarettes.

Science

Our focus this half term in science is Animals Including Humans. We will be describing the changes humans face as they develop to old age, including the changes experienced in puberty and we will work scientifically to research the length and mass of a baby as it grows. We will also be studying the work of Alexander Flemming and why he is important to human health.

History

Our focus this half term is The British Empire and Global Trade. We will be exploring the birth of the British Empire and how it spread, the changes to the Empire from 1765 to present day and how trade provided the motivation for Britain to build their empire. We will also discover what the Mughal Empire and the East India Trading company were and why India was so valuable to the British Empire as well as the seven years war and how Britain was successful.

Geography

This half term we will be conducting an in-depth study of Yorkshire. We will begin the term looking at the physical geography of Yorkshire including the Peak District in which we will discover what makes a mountain as well as the Yorkshire Dales, where we will understand how rivers work and even make our own model of one. We will then move onto the Human Geography of Leeds and Castleton and use our own research to compare the two places.

Y5 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We hope that both yourselves and the children have had a great half term and we are looking forward to seeing all the children back in school as we move into Autumn 2!

We will continue to focus on the key skills in maths, literacy and reading, whilst also fully immersing and involving the children in our enriching wider citizenship

Important dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 31st October – School reopens for pupils
- Wednesday 22nd November - Christmas Fayre
- Thursday 30th November – Citizenship Immersion Day – What opportunities do I have growing up in Doncaster?
- Friday 22nd December – School closes at 3pm



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