



Half Termly Curriculum Overview

Year 5 - Spring 2



English	Maths
In English, we will be exploring 'The War of the Worlds' by H.G. Wells. Inspired by Orson Welles' infamous 1938 broadcast, the pupils will be creating and performing a radio broadcast based on a scene from the book. In Guided Reading, we will also be sampling extracts from a variety of sci-fi texts (and film) to deepen our appreciation of this genre.	In Maths, we will be learning about decimals and percentages. There will be a mixture of activities linked to fluency, reasoning and problem solving and we will continue to encourage our pupils to collaborate with their partners. We will also be learning about area and perimeter before moving on to statistics.
Science	History
In Science, our topic this half term is on Living Things and their Habitats. During this unit, we will be describing the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird whilst also exploring the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.	In History, we will be learning about The Maya. We will study all that this civilisation achieved including their very own writing system, their fascination for astronomy and their ability to construct pyramids in the rainforest! We will also explore why their civilisation ended.
Design & Technology	Music
In DT, we will apply our knowledge of the impact of earthquakes (from our Geography topic earlier this term) by researching, designing and making a model earthquake-proof building using a variety of materials, and computer software.	In Music, we will be learning about songwriting. We will be listening to and singing songs from different genres, including Gospel, music theatre and rock. We will then add instruments and ukuleles for class performances.
PE	Computing
In PE, we will develop our Tag Rugby skills, focusing on passing and receiving the ball accurately, avoiding opponents and thinking about game strategy. Mr Jalland will focus on 'Drumba', an energetic hybrid of drumming and Zumba.	In Computing, we will be doing digital art. We will learn about the art of Hannah Höch, and using photography and computers we will create our own photomontage piece in her style.
RE	Spanish
In RE, our unit this half term will be exploring the question, "Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?" by looking at the key events of Holy Week. On the 18 th March, Year 5 will be visiting Southwell Minster to enrich our RE learning.	In Spanish, we will be learning all about Spanish cultural customs and traditions through Spanish food. Communication, expressing opinions, and listening and responding will also play their part as they practise how to order in a Spanish cafe.
PSHE	
In PSHE, we will be learning about 'World Social Justice Day', and continuing our focus on 'Living in the Wider World'. In this, we will be exploring our goals and aspirations, thinking about different skills needed for jobs and learning about money (including earning, spending and saving).	

How you can help at home

Supporting your child with reading 5 times a week, we will check reading diaries on a Friday.

Supporting your child with their Maths home learning particularly using TT Rockstars and MyMaths.

There is also an optional Home Learning Menu to enrich our History learning on The Maya. We encourage children to have a go at some of these activities and bring in what they create.

Learning will be displayed in the classroom.