

English

In English we will be continuing to develop pupils' fluency and comprehension skills through daily English lessons and guided reading sessions. Pupils will continue to read, enjoy and discuss a range of high-quality age appropriate text across a variety of genres. Our class books for the spring term are Windrush Child and Cogheart, both of which are sure to test the pupils' prediction and inference skills.

The children will be writing fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. The first half term will see the pupils analyse and create portal stories; poetry linked to their portal story and fact-filled reports on fantastic beasts. Our writing skills are then applied throughout the curriculum and in free-writing opportunities.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar curriculum requirements will also be a key focus.

Useful Websites: Read Theory, BBC Bitesize, Topmarks and Spelling Shed

Science

The topic for the first half term is 'Out of this World' where children will learn about the solar system. During the second half term we will learn about evolution and inheritance and how animals and plants adapt to their environment.

Computing

E-safety remains the priority in computing lessons. Year 5 are learning how to edit video on various devices and Year 6 will be creating their own website.

Dates for your Diary:

19th January – Book making workshop with Axel Scheffler

31st January - Mrs Tomlinson's Reading Raffle to be drawn in school

3rd March – The 25th Anniversary of World Book Day

Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter

Years 5 and 6

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Our year 5/6 team are:

Mrs Lewis, Mr Gleave, Miss Crowley,
Mrs Jones, Mrs Woodberry,
Miss Harris and Mrs Fairfax

Topic

For this term our topic is 'Ice Worlds'. The children will learn about the geography of the Polar Regions and the heroic explorers who made it their mission to find out about these hostile yet beautiful parts of the world. A firm favourite is always finding out about the amazing wildlife that call the North and South Poles their home. In map work we will be identifying the Polar Regions and researching both their physical and human characteristics. Environmental issues will be focused on leading the children to writing some persuasive texts.

Art/D.T.

Perspective in the drawing of landscapes will be the challenge in art following the pupils exploring the use of a vanishing point in pictures. We will then be extending our drawing skills and creating a negative of a still life picture.

Maths

In Maths Year 5 will be multiplying 4-digits by 2-digits and dividing 4-digits by 1-digit. Later in the term they will begin their work on fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year 6 are building on their fraction work and moving on to decimals and percentages. In this unit we will be calculating with decimals and solving problems with percentages. This work will enable the children to work fluently with equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages to solve real-life problems.

Algebra will conclude the term for year 6 pupils.

Useful Websites: TT Rock Stars, BBC Bitesize, J2EBlast, and Topmarks

Homework will be given out weekly in Maths and English.

Year 5 and 6 pupils are expected to read and change their home reader books regularly.

Spelling lists are set weekly on Spelling Shed.

P.E.

PE this term focuses on dance, gymnastics, OAA and Net and Ball games.

Year 6 PE is on Thursdays

Year 5 PE is on Wednesdays

Music

Our music lessons will be led by Dudley Performing Arts staff with a continued focus on singing and playing percussion instruments.

P.S.H.E.

Challenge & Change: We will be exploring how to manage setbacks, change and loss. The children will think about the responsibilities that come with an increasing level of independence.

RE

Our RE work this term focuses upon 'Journeys' and the spiritual experiences gained through visiting places of worship