



Spring 2 in Year 5

English

In English this term, the children will write a character description based on Beowulf as well as a piece of persuasive writing on plastic pollution.

Homework

Spelling lists will be sent home Friday and tested the following Thursday. Spellings to be practised on Spelling Shed (minimum of 20 minutes weekly).

English homework set on Friday - to be completed in homework book by the following Thursday.

We are reading...



In Whole Class Reading, we will be using our VIPERS style questions to break down and think critically about what is read which will help the children understand the text.

Reading Homework

Children will be given a home reading book which should be read for 10 minutes per day (minimum) and recorded in their reading record. Home reading books will be changed throughout the week.

Important Dates

24.02.26 and 25.02.26 - Parents Evenings

04.03.26 and 05.03.26 – Emile Spelling Competition

05.03.26 - World Book Day

19.03.26 – Exam Stress Workshop

20.03.26 – Red Nose Day

Science

Animals Including Humans

In Science this term, the children will be looking at animals including humans. They will start by looking at the human life cycle. They will then focus in more detail at each stage of the life cycle including: babies and children, adolescence (including puberty) and adults and the elderly. After this; children will look at the gestation periods of mammals and then compare this with their lifespan.

Maths

Decimals and Percentages

- Decimals up to 2 decimal places
- Learn about equivalent fractions and decimals (tenths and hundredths)
- Hundredths as fractions and decimals
- Order, compare and round decimals
- Understand fractions as percentages and decimals

Perimeter and Area

- Perimeter of rectangles, rectilinear shapes and polygons
- Area of rectangles and compound shapes
- Estimating area

Statistics

Homework

- Times Tables Rock Stars – Children to complete assignments set
- A KIRF sheet will be uploaded to Class Dojo that we will be working on in class. Children should practise these and timetables regularly
- Maths homework set on Friday – to be completed by following Thursday



Geography

Biomes

In this exciting geography topic, the children will explore the enquiry question 'How can we protect biomes?' They will do this by:

- Explaining how the world can be divided using geographical terms
- Using maps to recognize different time zones across the world
- Understanding what biomes are and know about them in different parts of the world
- Describing the differences and similarities between a desert and a tundra
- Explaining how biomes are being damaged and how we can protect them

DT and Computing

Digital World: Programming Adventures

In this exciting DT topic, children will apply their understanding of computing to program a floor robot. They will explore a range of adventure maps and use these to create original designs. As a group, they will research how floor robots move along different types of materials and use this knowledge to create obstacle squares. Children will use appropriate joining methods to make a scale adventure map. They will test and evaluate the effectiveness of another group's obstacle squares.

Information Around Us: Databases

Computer Science: Coding

French and Music

The Olympics

In this unit, the children will understand key facts about ancient and modern Olympics. They will learn 10 common Olympic sports and use the present tense verb 'faire' before looking at gendered nouns.

Music and Words

PE

Our PE days this term will be Monday and Friday. We ask children to come to school wearing their PE kit on those days.

Our PE topics for this half term will be symmetry, balance and travel as well as Commando Joe.

R.E.

People of God

In RE this term, the children will answer the question 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' To do this they will:

- Understand what the Bible says about people of God
- Understand the story of Moses
- Understand how God saved people from slavery
- Understand how Moses brought freedom and justice by following God
- Understand why the Ten Commandments were needed

RSE

Growing Up and Changing

Throughout this RSE topic, we will learn about:

- the changes that occur during puberty
- menstruation and wet dreams
- the different attitudes and values around gender stereotyping and sexuality and consider their origin and impact
- the roles and responsibilities of parents and carers