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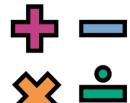
Literacy



In our writing lessons, we will explore 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. Pupils will make predictions, write diary entries and letters in role, and create imaginative guides and adverts linked to the story. We'll finish by designing our own 'lost thing' and writing a creative narrative to bring it to life. We will also be studying the book 'The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries' by J. T. Williams. This is a a captivating mystery series set in eighteenth-century London, featuring two young heroines, Lizzie Sancho and Dido Belle, who team up to solve intriguing mysteries.

In Reading, we will be focusing on two texts: 'Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow' by Benjamin Dean, and 'The Secret of Haven Point' by Lisette Auton. We will look at vocabulary and how to answer inference and retrieval style questions

Maths



In Maths, pupils will be deepening their understanding of fractions. We will explore equivalent fractions, starting with unit fractions and progressing to non-unit fractions. We'll learn to recognise and convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers, and compare and order fractions both less than and greater than one. We will have a focus on developing fluency in adding and subtracting fractions, including those with the same denominator, within and beyond one, and involving mixed numbers.



This half-term, Year 5 will be learning about Earth and Space, focusing on the movement of our planet and others in the solar system. Pupils will explore how the Earth orbits the Sun, how the Moon orbits the Earth, and how these movements affect day, night, and the seasons. They'll also learn about the planets and their positions, helping them build a clear understanding of our place in the universe.

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Art



This half-term, Year 5 will explore the creative world of typography and map-making, inspired by artists such as Louise Fili, Grayson Perry, Paula Scher, and Chris Kenny. Pupils will experiment with lettering styles and visual storytelling, using maps to express identity, place, and imagination. This unit blends design, geography, and personal expression in a vibrant and engaging way.

Computing



In Computing, Year 5 will be learning the basics of video production. Pupils will plan, film, and edit their own short videos, developing skills in storyboarding, camera work, and using editing software. They'll explore how video can be used to inform, entertain, and persuade, while working collaboratively to bring their ideas to life.

Geography



In Geography, we will be learning all about mountains. Pupils will explore how mountains are formed, the different types of mountains, and where they are found around the world. They'll also look at famous mountain ranges, the impact of mountains on climate and human activity, and the challenges and benefits of living in mountainous regions. This topic encourages curiosity about the natural world and builds key geographical skills.

Languages



In Languages this term the children will begin to learn the foundations of Spanish. They learn basic vocabulary and phrases related to everyday topics such as greetings, numbers, colours, family, and classroom objects. Pupils practise pronunciation and intonation, build simple sentences, and start to understand basic grammar such as gender and verb

forms.

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Music



This term, Year 5 will embark on a musical journey through the solar system, inspired by composers such as Claude Debussy, Gustav Holst, and George Crumb. Pupils will listen to space-themed music, sing, and explore musical scores. They'll also compose their own pieces using elements like timbre, dynamics, texture, and tempo. This exciting unit links closely with their

Science learning about space.

PE



In PE, children will deepen their understanding of a range of sports by learning the specific rules, tactics, and strategies involved. They will continue to develop their teamwork skills, working more effectively with others to achieve common goals in both competitive and cooperative settings. Through structured lessons and game play, students will build confidence, resilience, and a greater appreciation for fair play and sportsmanship.

PSHE



This term, Year 5 will focus on celebrating diversity and valuing difference. Pupils will explore the qualities of friendship, learn how to have kind conversations, and reflect on what makes them unique. Through stories like The Land of the Red People, they'll discuss truth, stereotypes, and how to challenge unfair assumptions. The unit encourages empathy, respect, and confidence in being themselves.

RE



This term, Year 5 will explore why many Christians choose to be baptised and how baptism expresses their spirituality. Pupils will learn that baptism is a symbolic act of commitment to faith, often seen as a fresh start or a way of joining the Christian community. Through discussion and reflection, children will consider how this ritual represents belief, belonging, and a personal connection to God.