

YEARS 5 AND 6 AUTUMN TERM CYCLE 1 CURRICULUM STATEMENT



ENGLISH

We shall be studying the National Curriculum in speaking and listening, reading and writing. The children have individual targets in order to progress. You will receive a written copy and review of these in your child's termly report.

Within the reading strand, our focus will be poems from around the world linked to autumn. In story time, we are reading *Goodnight Mr Tom* by Michelle Magorian and will use this as a teaching tool in reading lessons towards Christmas. We will be using the Chatta lesson approach to develop oracy and high level vocabulary as well as to improve children's written skills, which will also be enhanced through regular dictation.

In writing, we shall focus on different text types, including persuasion, always writing for a purpose. The children will continue to work on the development of a fluent, cursive style of handwriting. Further skills will be developed in speaking and listening through poetry recitation and public speaking. A useful website for practising skills is BBC Bitesize. Listening to poems and speeches online would also help with our work.

MATHS

We shall be studying the National Curriculum. Arithmetic will be given a high priority along with the application of this. The children will all be taught to mastery level in order to progress. We shall be looking in particular at place value (up to and including millions) and the four operations.

The children will also continue to work on their multiplication tables, using an online resource both at home and at school. Pupils can access TTRockstars at home. A useful website for practising skills is BBC Bitesize.

SCIENCE

We shall be studying the National Curriculum. The main topic will be *Animals Including Humans*, with an emphasis on gathering, recording and presenting data. The children have individual targets in order to progress. You will receive a written copy and review of these in your child's termly report. Our school meadow will be used for research as much as the season allows.

In Computing we will be studying animation skills, as well as E-safety. A useful website for understanding scientific concepts is BBC Bitesize. A helpful animation program is Scratch online. The school website is available for appropriate E-safety advice.

THE ARTS

In Design and Technology we shall be creating moving toys. The children will work in groups to design and construct toys using cams and followers. We shall continue to use our sketch books to practise drawing, rendering and shading, using WWII artefacts as stimuli. In Music, we shall prepare songs for our Harvest Festival, our annual X Factor competition and Christmas.

THE HUMANITIES

We shall be studying *Heroes and Heroines of the twentieth century*, with a particular focus on World War Two, thinking about how this changed British history. We shall also complete some appropriate mapping work. There are many websites which will help with this topic – use Google or another search engine.

PE

We shall be working on different attacking and defending team games, as well as improving our fitness and dance skills. There are many fitness videos online, for example, Joe Wicks has produced appropriate ones for children.

RE/ PHSE

In RE, we shall be studying *Expressions of Faith*, examining artefacts used in religious worship. Our PSHE focus is *Being Me and Celebrating Differences*.

TERMLY COMPETITIONS

This term is our annual X Factor competition and we shall also hold a public speaking competition. Each week, we will continue with our mathematics time question competition. Alongside this, is our DoJo reward system. Points are awarded for excellence and effort in any area of school life; prizes are given for each multiple of 150 points.

