



Autumn Term Newsletter

Year 5

Whole School Value

Democracy

English

Over the course of the coming half term, Year 5 will be using a variety of stimulus to focus their English learning upon. The transition from Year 4 to Year 5 learning brings with it a range of new, sophisticated SPAG features, including a variety of clauses, use of verbs and verb tense and features such as the use of parenthesis in writing.

Maths

As with English, Maths shall introduce areas of learning to prepare the children for Year 5 and 6. We begin by looking at place value and the four operations before moving into statistics, fractions and decimals. Throughout the term (and the year), the children shall be engaged in problem solving and reasoning on a daily basis.

Science

With the exciting arrival of Empiribox learning at the school, children across KS2 shall be studying sound. They shall focus on developing their enquiry and planning skills through a range of fun and practical experiments. Year 5 shall learn the basics of how to write a formal, scientific report and the structure used to present their findings.

P.E.

We will be taking part in games this term. Our focus will be learning skills such as passing and cooperation.

PSHE

We shall explore what it means to be kind and brave and discuss the importance of aspiring for these qualities.

R.E.

During Autumn 1, Year 5 shall begin to explore the religion of Hinduism. As part of the process we shall consider the differences between polytheistic and monotheistic religions.

Princes,

Peasants and

Pestilence

Topic

Princes, peasants and pestilence introduces the Year 5 students to the rancid world of plague-era England. The children shall explore the Science behind infection and contagious disease, the life of people in 14th century England and notions of compassion and sacrifice. We shall discuss how fortunate we in the modern world are and compare the stark differences between life then and now.

Computing

We will be deepening our understanding of On-Line safety and developing our ability to use computers in the production of work.

Music

Linked to our Science topic of Sound, the children shall attempt to invent their own instruments whilst learning about pitch, frequency and amplitude and the music of India.