

Maths

We begin our Autumn Term exploring place value and number using White Rose Maths before moving on to addition and subtraction methods.

We will continue to learn and recite our times tables every day which is really important and all children should be fluent in their recall of times tables and related division facts to 12 x 12.

We will have arithmetic sessions each week to practise and develop our calculation skills.



Year 5

September -
October 2023

English

Our English learning this half term focusses on narrative descriptions, based around the book 'I believe in unicorns' and biographical writing, which will be based on the picture book about David Attenborough.

Grammar sessions will support our English learning, giving new knowledge that can be applied in our writing.

Guided Reading sessions will continue to take place daily. This is where we practise and develop key reading skills. These skills will be applied through the week in a range of different ways.

We ask that you continue to encourage your child to read at home as often as possible and for you to comment in their Reading Record.

Our class novel this half term is The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman.

Topic – Vikings and Anglo-Saxons

- To explore what Britain was like before the first Viking invasions.
- To find out about the settlement of the Vikings and how this affected the Anglo-Saxons.
- To find out about the Viking invasions of Britain.
- To find out why King Alfred was dubbed 'Alfred the Great'.
- To explore what life was like for Vikings living in Britain.
- To find out about the end of the Viking and Anglo-Saxon era in Britain.

Science – Forces

- Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. (*The act of gravity on our lives*)
- Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, which act between moving surfaces.
- Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Music – This half term we will be listening to and performing a range of rock songs.

PE – This half term Year 6 will be taking part in PE on **Wednesday** afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit.

ART – Our Art focus this half term focusses on Viking art.

R.E. – The children will be learning about the why some people decide to believe in God.

Computing – the children will focus on Online Safety.

PSHE – our focus will be Dealing with Feelings

General Reminders

PE – PE will take place every Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure your child comes to school in their full PE kit.

Reading Books - Please make sure children have their reading books and reading journals in school every day.

Homework – Homework will be given to take home every Friday and handed back into school on a Monday. It is important that you encourage and support your children with their homework, but please do not do it for them.

Times Tables – It is imperative that children regularly practise their times tables. As part of their homework, children will bring home weekly times tables. They also have access to TT Rockstars

Water bottles - We encourage all children to bring in their own water bottle which they have access to throughout the day