

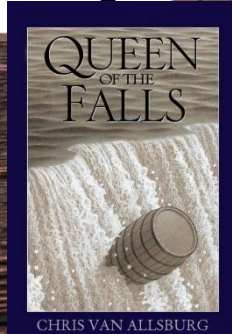
Autumn 1 in Year 5



English

This half term we will focus on *Queen of the Falls* by Chris Van Allsburg. This book tells the true story of Annie Edson Taylor, the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel and survive. Children will explore themes of bravery, determination, and the risks people take to achieve their dreams.

We are reading....



By the end of our unit, our goal is to write a diary entry about the events in Annie Edson Taylor's life. To prepare, we'll focus on using commas after fronted adverbials, organising paragraphs around a theme, and using commas to clarify meaning.

Any additional reading or research around Annie Edson Taylor's life is highly encouraged.

Regular reading and research will expose children to a range of ideas, improve their vocabulary and expand their imagination.

Maths

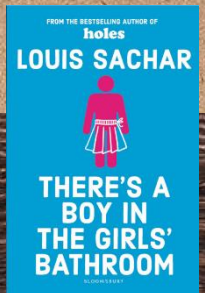
We will be following the White Rose Maths programme of study and focus on place value, including working with numbers up to 1,000,000. We will practise addition and subtraction with larger numbers, focusing on accuracy and efficient written methods. Later in the term, we will be introducing more formal strategies for multiplication and division.

Other

- PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday so please ensure children are wearing the correct PE kit.
- Homework will be set every Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Reading

In class, we will be reading *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar. This book is about Bradley Chalkers, a boy who struggles with bad behaviour and making friends until he meets a caring school counsellor who helps him change. Children will discover themes of friendship, self-belief, and the importance of kindness.



Science

In Science, we will be exploring Properties of Materials. We will learn about key properties such as hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity, and magnetism. We will carry out investigations to test and compare different materials in practical contexts.

History

In History, we will be learning about the Victorians and how it shaped modern Britain. We will explore what life was like for different groups of people, including the rich, the poor, and working children. We will learn about key figures such as Lord Shaftesbury and Dr Barnardo and their significance.

Computing

In this half term, Year 5 will learn about computer networks and how information is shared between devices. They will explore the web and search results, focusing on how search results are ranked.

PSHE

This half term, we will focus on Me and My Relationships. We will learn about collaboration, friendship and our emotional needs.

Art

This term, Year 5 will be exploring collage and digital media. We will look at the work of William Morris and create decoupage plates/cups based on the Victorians.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on football and tag rugby. We will focus on teamwork, passing, movement, and learning the basic rules of each game. We will also build confidence in attacking and defending, while showing respect and fair play during matches.