

Spring one in Year 5



English

This half term, we'll be studying Kai and the Monkey King by Joe Todd Stanton. This is an adventure story following Kai, a young boy who embarks on a journey with the Monkey King, discovering friendship, bravery, and ancient myths along the way. By the end of the unit, our goal is to write a myth set in Ancient China, creating our own characters and settings.

We are reading...



Science

To prepare, we'll focus on using expanded noun phrases and adverbials to link ideas across paragraphs. We will also use commas and relative clauses to help clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity in our writing.

In science, our focus will be on forces. We'll learn about the different types such as gravity, friction and magnetic forces. We'll investigate how forces affect motion and work, understanding concepts like push, pull, and resistance. Through hands-on experiments and activities, we will discover how forces influence the world around them, developing an understanding of how simple machines and everyday objects use forces in practical ways.

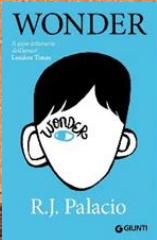
Maths

We will be following the White Rose Maths programme of study and begin the spring term learning about multiplication and division. We will explore multiplying and dividing larger numbers, using different methods to improve fluency and problem-solving skills. We'll also learn more about fractions, decimals and percentages.



Reading

Our class novel for this half term is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. This book follows the inspiring story of August Pullman, a boy with a facial difference, as he navigates his first year at a mainstream school. This novel explores themes of kindness, acceptance, and empathy, teaching children the importance of embracing differences.



Other information

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

