

Summer 2 in Year 5



English

This half term we will focus on *Radiant Child – The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe. This book celebrates Jean-Michel's creative spirit and unique artistic voice. Children will explore themes of individuality, creativity, and self-expression.

By the end of our unit, our goal is to write an information text about Jean-Michel Basquiat suitable for an art gallery. To prepare, we'll focus on using relative clauses, adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility, and a wide range of devices to build cohesion across paragraphs.

We are reading...



Science

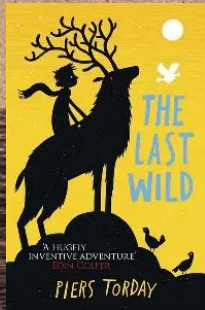
In Science, we will focus on *Animals Including Humans*. We will learn about the human life cycle and compare it to the life cycles of other animals. Children will explore how humans change as they grow, including key stages of development.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose Maths programme of study and focus on adding and subtracting decimals and understanding negative numbers in real-life contexts. Children will also explore measurement, with a focus on volume. They will learn to use appropriate units and convert between them.

Reading

For this half term, we will be continuing our reading with *The Last Wild* by Piers Torday. This book follows a boy who suddenly discovers he can talk to animals in a world where most animals have died from a strange disease. The last surviving creatures ask him to help save them, so Kester sets off on a brave adventure to find the truth and protect them. The book explores themes such as looking after nature, being brave, trusting your friends, and standing up for what's right.



Other information

- Swimming will take place every Wednesday afternoon and our usual PE lesson will take place on Thursday afternoon. Please ensure children are wearing/bringing the correct kit.
- Homework will be set every Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

