

Welcome back. Hope that you have all had a fabulous Christmas with your families and are ready for the exciting spring term ahead! It is going to be a very exciting term with lots of new changes and some exciting topics being learnt about.



Literacy

During this half term, Years 5 and 6 will be writing non-chronological reports and a Greek Myth. The work will be based on and around the subject of the film 'Fantastic Beasts'. Children will immerse themselves in learning about different mythical creatures and then go on to write about them. Drama activities will enhance their knowledge and understanding of different beasts and where in the world they come from. We will be using the Talk for Writing approach in our work. Comprehension activities will be based on Mythical Creatures and or Harry Potter and Guided Reading will take place weekly in classes.

Please continue to read the exciting new reading scheme books at home, asking your child questions about the texts. We have continued to buy a wider variety and selection of books to cater for all the children's interests.

Numeracy

Once again this term, the children will recall number and place value, rounding numbers to the nearest whole number. We will look at fractions and how we can add and subtract them, thinking about improper fractions and mixed numbers. The children will get the opportunity to look at shape, space and measure work; finding the perimeter and missing lengths of various shapes. Practical maths is a key part of our curriculum and so all children will get to use practical maths in their everyday learning. Children will also look at the Mastery approach in Maths and undergo daily questions to help with their understanding of the skills they have learnt. Children will be asked to learn their Times Tables weekly, using Rock Stars Time Tables. **Please encourage children to continue to learn their multiplication tables and use Rock Star Superstars for their weekly tests.**

Science: Earth and Space



Children will learn about Earth and Space in Year 5. They will look at the planets and write an explanation text on how the planets rotate around the Earth. Year 6 will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats and will write a report at the end of their learning.

Geography/ History:

Our topic is called Fantastic Beasts. The children will be learning all about the country Greece. They will learn where the country is and the shape and what the climate is like there. They will also be tasting some Greek foods.

ICT:

The Year 5 children will create their own games. They will look at online games and rate them and then create their own one based on the topic- Fantastic Beasts. Year 6 will make up an adventure story online.



RE: Hinduism

Year 5 will learn about Hinduism and the difference between cultures. Year 6 will be learning all Living and Dying.



Design and Technology:

Year 5 and 6 will have a DT day later in the term where they will be making various structures and representations of the topic.



Art:

Once again the children will be looking at sketching and their use of tone. Year 5 will focus on drawing mythical creatures and then focussing on the eye. Children will create 3D clay models of a dragons eye and spend time using acrylic paint to make it look realistic. Year 6 will be creating Greek pots with a Fantastic Beast twist.

Music:



The children will carry out work on the Charanga scheme of work on 'Make you feel my love' by Adele, which is all about listening to various pieces of music and then appraising them and performing them. Year 6 will be working on the unit, 'A New Year Carol'.

P.E.

Games and PE lessons will be on Thursday and Friday for year 5 and Monday and Tuesday for Year 6. Please make sure you have the correct kit for both indoor and outdoor lessons. If the children do not have their PE kits, letters will be sent home. The children will be learning various skills and then applying them for different games.



Years 5 and 6

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education):

In PSHE, we will be using Apples Friends as part of the TAMHS project. The children will receive weekly PSHE lessons and will also receive a class assembly each week- these will be linked to our Terms Values.

Guided Reading and Spellings:

The children will undertake guided reading sessions every week. The children will be put into Guided Reading groups. We have recently bought in to a new spelling scheme called No Nonsense Spelling. The children will undertake spelling skills each day. We will continue to ask for your support and encouragement at home to help your child learn their spellings.

Homework:

Each week on a Wednesday, your child will be given a piece of homework to complete and hand in on the following Monday. This homework may be Literacy, Numeracy or topic based. Please encourage your children to take the time to carry out high quality homework that is completed by themselves. We want to know what your child can do and how imaginative they can be with the tasks set. Children will also be asked to complete weekly Reading, Spelling and Rock Star Times Tables homework.

How can you help at home?

RM Easi Maths
Rock Stars Times Tables
Regular reading
More talk- less technology
More technology- less TV
DB Primary
Purple Mash



Curriculum

Spring 1

Fantastic Beasts