

Autumn One in Year 5

English

In English, we are looking at the story of Beowulf. This is a very old story that has been handed down through the generations. The version we are looking at has been written down by Michael Morpurgo.



Each lesson will look at sentence construction, vocabulary and use of grammar.

We are reading...



Wolf Brother is the first book in the series *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness* written by Michelle Paver. *Wolf Brother* takes place six thousand years ago during the Middle Stone Age, and tells the story of twelve-year-old Torak, a boy who can talk to wolves.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focussing on setting out our computations to show our workings. We are focussing on the following areas: Roman Numerals, Place Value and decimal places, addition and subtraction (using the column method), multiplication and division and lovely fractions!

Homework

In year 5 homework is set weekly and must be completed in their homework book. Work is set on a Thursday and handed in the following Wednesday. The children are expected to complete spelling and handwriting practice and maths work that they have been learning about in maths lessons that week. The work set should only take a few minutes.

In addition, there is an expectation that they read at least 3 times a week.

Science

In Science, we use the Developing Experts approach. There is a research section, practical section and written section in each lesson. On **Wednesday 18th September** we will be having a live lesson in science where we connect with the Developing Experts!

This half term, our focus is on Forces looking at how objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object; identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, and finally, they learn how to recognise that mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.



History

Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?

In our History lessons we will be investigating what the Vikings were really like, creating a Viking trade route game, writing their version of a Viking saga, evaluating the impact of the Viking invaders on Britain and displaying the achievements of the Vikings in a 'Viking achievement gallery'.

Next half term our focus will be on Geography.

Art

Sculpture and 3D: Interactive installation

We will be learning about the features of installation art and how it can communicate a message; exploring the work of Cai Guo-Qiang and discovering how our life experiences can inspire our art; investigating how scale, location and interactive elements affect the way visitors experience installation art.

Music

We will be having a music lesson each week based on the theme of Ancient Egyptians the focus will be to: Sing in time and in tune with other people and the backing track. Remember the lyrics to a song. Identify the structure of a piece of music and match this to non-standard notation. Improvise their own piece of music. Play a melody with reasonable accuracy. Perform with confidence and in time with others. Compose and play a melody using stave notation. Contribute meaningfully to the group performance and composition.

PSHCE

Each week there will be a lesson on, "Being Me in My world" This unit is inspired by the idea that we are all individuals and that it is important to 'be yourself'. It aims to encourage the children to develop a positive view of themselves and enable them to recognise the importance of being who they are.

Computing

Computing systems and networks: Search engines

With the aid of our new iPad's Year 5 will be understanding how search engines work and developing searching skills to find relevant and accurate information online.

In addition, we will continue with TT Rockstars to reinforce our timetables.

PE

Fingers crossed the weather remains mild over the coming weeks. Year 5 will be outside for PE on a Monday and Tuesday. Please can you make sure they are dressed appropriately for outdoor PE and have a water bottle.

In our Monday lesson the focus will be on small sided team games. On Tuesday, year 5 will have a coach from Cambridge United to give lessons on football skills.