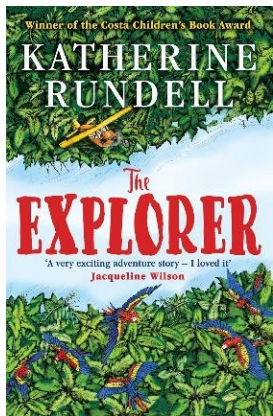


Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter, Spring Term 2024

Hello everybody and welcome back. I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year and are ready to work hard, have fun and to learn lots more this Spring term.

History and Geography

Our main topic this Autumn Term will be **'Groundbreaking Greeks'** in which we'll investigate the history and culture of Ancient Greece. We will carry on **'Investigating Our World'** in geography lessons with a greater focus on UK geography, including transport networks and different settlement types.

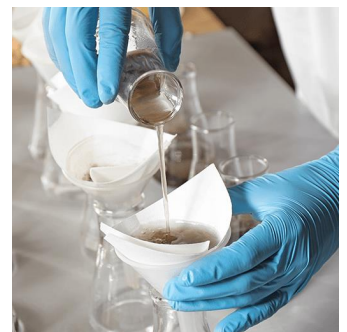


Maths and English

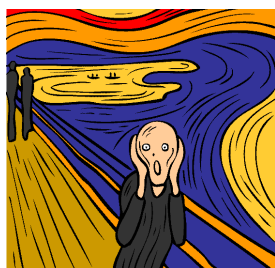
We will continue the Write Stuff writing scheme in English lessons this term in which we will study some brilliant texts and genres. We will begin with an adventure story, **'The Explorer'** by Katherine Rundell, set in the Amazon Rainforest. Next, we will be writing poetry based upon the **'The Malfeasance'** by Alan Bold. After our half term break, we will have another story unit, this time inspired by the animated short film **'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore'**. In maths lessons, we will build our understanding and skills with multiplication and division; fractions; decimals and percentages; perimeter and area; and statistics.

Science and Computing

Our Spring Science topic will be **'Properties and Changes of Materials'** in which we will learn about the wider properties of materials and their uses; separation of mixtures using sieving, filtration and evaporation; and reversible and irreversible changes. Computer programming, using Crumble programming, will be our first computing topic before we learn about computer databases after the half term break.



Art, design, DT and Music



In our art and design project, **'Expression'**, we will learn about the Expressionist art movement and explore different ways to portray feelings and emotions in art to create an imaginative self-portrait. In our DT project, **'Architecture'**, we will learn about how architectural style and technology has developed over time and use this knowledge to design a building. We will be drumming with Mr. Chatto in music lessons this term.





Religious Education, PSHE and French

In Religious Education, we will be asking 'What would Jesus do?' and 'Can we live by the values of Jesus in the twenty-first century?' 'Health and Wellbeing' will be our focus in PSHE followed by 'Economic wellbeing'. We will learn about the language associated with zoo animals and food in our French lessons.

Physical Education

Mr. Ellis will continue to lead our PE sessions on a Monday morning. This term you will be developing your skills in gymnastics. Please remember that your PE kit should be a white t-shirt and black shorts for inside with dark-coloured joggers and a sports sweatshirt (no hood) for outside. For more information, please see the school brochure on our website.



Homework

Be organised so that you can keep on top of your three sets of homework:

1. Reading

Read at least **five times a week**, keep your reading diary up to date and ask an adult to sign it. Remember to carry your reading book and diary between school and home in your **book bag**.

2. Spelling

You will have a set of words to learn, which you must practice in your book and get signed, each week. Each Friday, we will have our spelling test.

3. Maths and Literacy

Either maths or literacy homework will be sent home each Friday to be handed in by Wednesday the following week.

Parents, please contact me if you have any questions or need any assistance and I will do my best to help. I hope you are all looking forward to our new learning this term!

Mr. Pottage