

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

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What We're Learning



Reading

Our class novel is 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. Our themed sessions will cover a range of topics from Animals to bizarre laws and historical punishment, as well as Natural Resources, space and the Suffragettes.



Maths

This term begins with a focus on place value with numbers up to 1,000,000. This includes rounding. After that, we begin to work on the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



Writing

In English, we will write our own stories of survival based on our class novel, 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. The children will learn to write setting and character descriptions, and use flashbacks to show a character's background and situation. To meet Year 5 writing targets, they will also learn to write complex sentences using relative clauses and conjunctions.

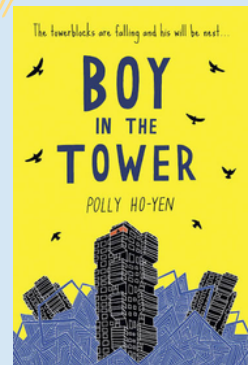


Science

This term in science, Year 5 will explore Forces and Space. In our forces unit, the children will investigate gravity, friction, and resistance through practical experiments. We will then journey into space to study the solar system, learning how the Earth and other planets orbit the Sun, .



Class Novel



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History

In history, Year 5 will travel back in time to explore Ancient Greece. The children will discover what life was like in famous city-states like Athens and Sparta. They will also learn about the powerful Greek gods and look at how the Greeks created democracy and the Olympic Games.



Computing

Year 5 will explore computer systems, networks, and data handling. The children will learn how to search the internet efficiently and use Google Forms to collect data. Alongside this, they will learn how to stay safe online.



Art

Over the next two terms, Year 5 will take part in an exciting art and D&T project run by the Young People's Puppet Theatre. The children will learn how to design, sculpt, and make their very own marionette puppets. They will also work together to paint theatrical sets, leading up to a fantastic puppet show performance.



French

Year 5 will use the Language Angels scheme to study 'La Date' and 'Au Café'. The children will learn how to read, write, and say calendar dates, including days of the week and months of the year. They will also practice ordering food and drinks in a simulated French café setting.

Don't miss this!

September 10th

Meet the Y5 Teachers – 5.00 in the school hall

October 16th

Geography field trip to St Albans city centre

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PSHE

Following the Jigsaw PSHE scheme, we will kick off with our behaviour curriculum before moving on to our first unit: 'Celebrating Difference'. The children will explore what makes people unique, discuss respect and empathy, and learn how to appreciate differences within their community and the wider world.



R.E

Our RE lessons will explore the main beliefs, teachings, and practices of Judaism. The children will learn about the concept of one God, the importance of the Torah, and the promises made in the Covenant.



P.E

This term, teachers will lead fitness sessions while coaches from Game On deliver football lessons. Using the Get Set 4 PE scheme, the children will improve their agility, balance, and general fitness. In football, they will work with Game On to develop their passing, dribbling, and teamwork through fun, small-sided matches.



Music

Using the Charanga music scheme, the children will explore and perform the iconic songs 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' and 'Livin' on a Prayer'. They will develop their key musical skills by listening, appraising, and singing these tracks. Pupils will also learn to play along using the glockenspiels, focusing on rhythm and melody.



How can you show our ethos this term

1. Share your opinions in class reading discussions.
2. Try the tricky challenge work in lessons.
3. Keep going when a task feels hard.
4. Reach out to make a new friend.
5. Check in on classmates who seem upset.

Enrichment Opportunities



YPPPT

Young People's Puppet Theatre

Using marionette projects to help young people develop life skills

Websites to explore

