



The teachers in Year 5 this term are:

- Miss Shackell—5S
- Mrs Reynolds (Monday–Wednesday), Mrs Brown (Wednesday Friday – 5BR)



English



In writing, we will be exploring the purpose and features of a setting description. We will be practising basic skills and broadening our vocabulary through reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. We will write our own non-chronological reports based on animals of the Amazon rainforest. Finally we will create our own adventure narrative developing vivid descriptions whilst creating suspense and tension.

In reading, we will be reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. We will discuss how an author uses vocabulary to convey meaning and how we can infer a character's thoughts and feelings from a text. We will also be completing SATS style questions weekly, to familiarise ourselves with a range of texts and question types.

Assembly Themes

Whilst our assemblies this half term will focus on our CARE values, key dates such as Harvest and World Mental Health Day will be explored.



Science



This half term, we will be observing, investigating and exploring how living things reproduce and why is this important in a life cycle. The children will have the opportunity to make their own predictions, use scientific equipment to conduct their own investigations, and consider their findings through discussion. At the end of this topic, we will be linking our learning to the work of notable scientists such as Dame Jane Goodall and Sir David Attenborough.

Geography



This half term, we will explore how Mountains are formed and we will complete a comparison of Snowdon with The Rocky Mountains. Children will develop their geographical skills by having the opportunity to interpret different maps and atlases.

Maths



This half term, we will be focussing on Number and Place Value. This will include children becoming familiar and confident with how to represent and partition numbers to 100,000. We will also consider how we can order and compare numbers up to 100,00, including negative numbers as well as converting between Roman Numerals. We will be encouraging the children to apply their understanding through reasoning and problem solving.

Art



This half term, we will be exploring how drawing can express emotion, movement and depth, children take inspiration from artists Charlie Mackesy and Elizabeth Catlett. They will use expressive lines and marks to convey feeling and energy, develop shading techniques to show depth and form, and investigate composition through drawing and printmaking.

Curriculum Newsletter



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Year 5 will be supported by:

- Miss Higginson



Experiences

- Playground leader applications and training.
- School Councillors elections.
- Allergy awareness assembly



PE



This half term, we will be focussing on rounders, swimming or basketball. Year 5 will have PE every Thursday but swimming lessons will be on a Monday.

PE Kit

- plain white t-shirt
- plain black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black hoodie (with or without school logo)
- Plain trainers
- No jewellery

If children cannot take out their own stud earrings, we politely ask that these are removed before the start of the school day.

Music



This half term, we will learn about Identifying the pitch and rhythm of written notes and experimenting with notating their compositions in different ways to help develop their understanding of staff notation.

RE



In RE, we will be thinking about how Christians believe that God is both Holy and Loving. We will then explore how this impacts upon the lives of Christian people. We will extend this learning by looking at Christian places of worship.

PSHE



In PSHE, under our Jigsaw topic *Being Me in My World*, we will be focussing on how we can be responsible and respectful in all aspects of life. During these sessions, children will also have the opportunity to share their worries and concerns whilst gaining an understanding about the importance of positive choices.

Home Learning

Homework will be shared with children every other week. This will include a Spelling activity related to the spelling rule or focus that children have been learning in school.

In between, we are actively encouraging all children to be reading at home and logging into TTRockstars as often as possible.

'Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible.'

Barak Obama

We love to hear about what you've been reading, and see that Reading Records are being used to record reading moments.



French



We will learn some key phonemes to help facilitate authentic pronunciation before learning about animals and pets.