

Curriculum subjects

The following is intended to provide parents with a brief outline of the curriculum your child will be following this half-term. If you have any concerns over aspects of work or would like to speak to us at any time please feel welcome to contact us.

Our integrated topic is entitled "Road Trip", a journey of learning travelling through the Americas.

English

Our learning in English is centred on the theme of Journeys. The children will choose different text types to write depending on the purpose they are writing for, with particular attention given to narrative writing.

Our grammar and punctuation focus will have a variety of elements:

- Consolidating learning from year 4.
- Learning suffixes and verb prefixes
- Using relative pronouns and relative clauses to add detail, beginning with 'who', 'which', 'where', 'when', 'whose' and 'that'.

Spelling will include specific elements from the key learning objectives for Year 5: verb prefixes, homophones linked to word class or function, patterns in related verb and noun spellings, and reviewing the importance of hearing syllables and stressed and unstressed vowels to support spelling.

Reading continues to be an essential part of children's learning and they will take part in a Readers Workshop (Monday-Friday) which also involves targeted Guided Reading sessions led by myself. Please remember that every child is expected to read for 30 minutes each evening and this year complete 5 entries in their reading records each week.

Mathematics

Each unit of maths learning has an element of place value and problem solving.

The main focus of our first unit of work will be

- Addition and subtraction with an emphasis on consolidating formal written methods and applying these to problem solving situations.
- Measurement including conversions of units.
- Drawing, measuring, estimating and comparing different types of angles.

The following unit focuses on multiplication and division and applying the skills they have with fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science

Our science will be integrated into our topic. The main knowledge focus will be on looking at a range of different life cycles of both plants and animals in the biomes we encounter as we journey through the Americas.

In addition, the children will develop their investigational skills with a focus on

- Devising questions which can be tested.
- Making predictions based on their own knowledge and understanding of the world.
- Drawing results tables.

History

On our topic journey, we will be stopping off in Mexico, taking the opportunity to explore the Mayan civilisation, developing history study skills as we find out about where they lived, everyday lives, their beliefs and why their civilisation was important.

Geography

In this strand of our "Road Trip" we will study and compare the range of biomes encountered as we shift latitudes and hemispheres, considering the weather, plant life, land uses and ecology of each zone.

Computing

Computing will develop the children's skills in using the internet effectively and critically, locating and selecting information that will support their learning in our topic. In addition, they will use a variety of software to present their learning.

Religious Education

Our unit this half term will focus on Hinduism, understanding and evaluating the different ways that Hindus show their commitment to God.

Physical Education

We will begin our year focusing on dance. This is linked to our topic; Rainforest and Dancing in Unknown Territory. The children will learn how to perform with expression. Exploring, improvising and combining movements for fluency and effectiveness. Whilst evaluating and reflecting on their own and others work.

Art

Our artwork will link with our topic on the Mayan civilisation, looking at the type of artwork and architecture they created. We will be using clay to create Mayan pots.

French - with Mrs Donald

This half term the children will learn about school objects and school subjects. They will express opinion on school subjects using prior learning. They will continue to use the verb 'to have' and make more complex sentences using nouns, adjectives and the conjunction *mais* (but).

Music - with Mrs Cockcroft

This half term the class will be focusing on the musical dimension of duration and developing an understanding of more complex rhythmic patterns and metres. They will be listening to different styles of Latin American music (salsa, tango and calypso) with the intent of developing an awareness of the music's context and purpose. The class will also be learning how to play the percussion accompaniment of a two part song from Mexico, 'Chocolate Molinillio'. They will then be reading the melody line of the song, clapping it and playing it on glockenspiels and finally learning how to sing the song in English and Spanish.

Other Information

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and then collected in on Wednesday. Homework task-sheets will be put into the children's homework books when homework is set and work will be completed in their books and handed in. It is expected that homework will be completed neatly and that due care and attention will be paid to presentation. Homework is normally a culmination of class work or a consolidation of previous work for revision purposes. It can also serve the purpose of preparing children for a future lesson.

Core Learning Values

We are continuing to develop the skills we need to be independent, work together effectively, apply critical and creative thinking to our learning, and reflect on our learning so far.

PE kit

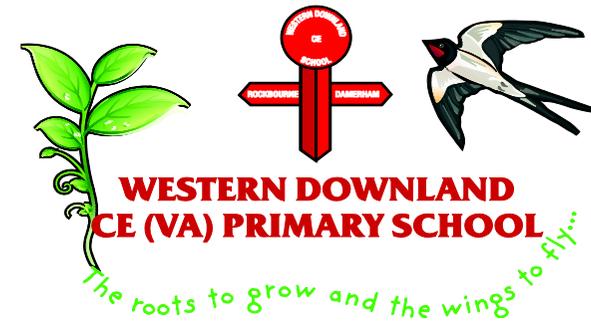
Your child will need a PE kit on Monday and Friday although occasionally this may be adapted if needed. Please ensure that any inhalers are also brought into school if your child suffers from asthma. A note is always required if your child cannot take part in a PE lesson.

Dates for the diary.

Tuesday 19th September - Welcome to Year 5.

Friday 29th September - Harvest Festival at St George's.

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th October - Parent Consultations.



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Thematic English- "Road Trip"

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