

Curriculum subjects

I'm very excited to welcome a new class, and look forward to some wonderful learning journeys together this Autumn. As you do, I have high expectations for each child and would like to work in partnership with parents. So, if you have any comments about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Topic: Our topic is Around the World, where our focus will be on developing of geographical skills.

English

We are basing our learning around the work of Michael Morpurgo, which will give us opportunities in our reading to explore the themes in his writing and make comparisons across his and other writers' work. We will be using Kensuke's Kingdom as the springboard for our own writing, taking opportunities to develop persuasive writing skills and explore character, setting and atmosphere within our narrative writing.

In spelling, we will be learning some of the key spelling patterns that underpin vocabulary we will use during the year, as well as beginning to get to grips with the tricky statutory words we need to master.

Mathematics

The year begins with a focus on number, ensuring we are secure in our understanding and application of place value concepts, so we have the effective underpinnings for mathematical learning throughout the year, and concentrating on addition and subtraction skills.

We will be applying these core operations skills across a wider range of multi-step problem contexts, as well as building fluency in written methods.

Within our mental and oral maths rehearsal, we will concentrate on ensuring we have quick and accurate recall of multiplication and division facts, to support learning on these operations in the following half term. Support from home in learning these will greatly improve your child's confidence in mathematics.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating solids, liquids and gases, in particular looking at properties of different materials, and the nature of changes that can be made to some materials.

The children will develop their scientific working 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.*

Geography

Within our topic, we will develop our map skills, including use of grid references and compass points, and also explore different aspects of the trading economy across the world, with a particular focus on Fair Trade.

Art

We will use the idea of water, seas and oceans to explore movement, form and texture in a variety of media, drawing inspiration and ideas from a range of artists.

Computing

In addition to revising our e-safety knowledge, we will continue to build our coding skills, and 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 Sikhism, comparing the different ways Sikhs put their religion into practice, and Hinduism, understanding and evaluating the different ways that Hindus show their commitment to God.

Modern Foreign Languages

Our French learning will reflect our All Around the World theme, looking at how we describe location and journeys, the language of travelling and making travel arrangements – On y va!

Physical Education/Games

We will begin our year focusing on invasion games. As long as the weather permits, sessions will be out door and the children will develop their skills in invasion and target games, with a focus on hockey and handball.

Personal, social and health education

We will be exploring the different ways we are involved in our community, looking at the duties, responsibilities and rights that relate to our involvement.

Music

This half term the class will be focusing on duration in music (beginning to understand more complex rhythm patterns/metres) and they will be increasing their awareness of expression and control when singing songs about Christopher Columbus. They will also be focusing on timbre (identifying groups of instruments) and will be listening to a variety of music with a Spanish theme.

Learning Skills

The learning opportunities within our topic this term mean that we will focus in particular on Working Together.

Other Information

Homework

- *30 minutes of reading per night, to be logged in reading records at least 5 times a week.*
- *Minimum 45 minutes Maths-based per week*
- *Minimum 45 minutes English-based per week including spellings to learn.*

Normally, homework will be set on a Friday and then collected in on Tuesday. 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.

PE kit

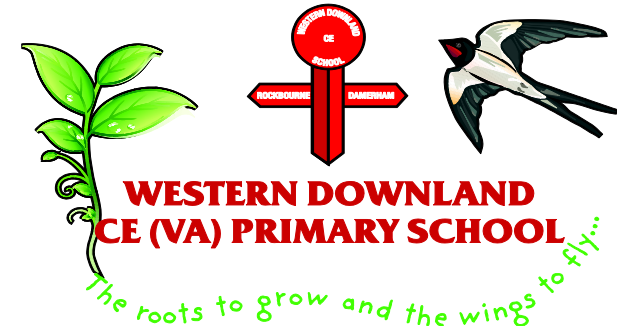
Your child will need a PE kit every Monday and Friday

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 15th September - Welcome to Year 5 Parent session

Friday 30th September – Harvest Festival

Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th October – Parent Consultations



Year 5

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