

English

This half term we will be reading and studying the text 'Beowulf' written by Michael Morpurgo. The children will enjoy the novel in whole class reading sessions, delving deep into the themes of the book. Opportunities for writing will include an eyewitness account of a key event from 'Beowulf' and a poem based on 'The Listeners'.

Grammar

Children will be using expanded noun phrases to add detail to descriptions of setting and character, use parenthesis appropriately in context and develop their understanding of figurative language. Children will be using rhyming couplets to help write a narrative poem.

Maths

This half term the children will move on to developing their multiplication and division skills by learning how to use strategies for multiplying numbers with up to 4 digits by a 2-digit number. We will look at the short division method. We will understand how to divide numbers with up to 4 digits by a 1-digit number including numbers with remainders. Throughout this unit, the children will develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills, and we will look specifically at problems with multiplication and division.

Science

In Science, the children we will begin studying materials and their properties. We will compare and group materials based on their properties investigating differences based on hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal) and their response to magnets. We will then begin to investigate dissolving and discuss how to recover a substance from a solution.

Year 5

Curriculum Map

Spring 1 (2025-2026)



Religious Education

The children will be learning about what matters most to Christians and Humanists. They will compare the two religions and discuss the similarities and differences. They will gain understanding of fairness, justice, forgiveness and free choice.

PSHE and Resiliency

In our 'In the Media' topic we will look at how the media unrealistically represent of people, objects and products. We will learn to understand why we need to be cautious about things we see in the media. We will think about how role models are presented in the media and how body image can be affected by what is shown online. We will also continue to explore the zones of regulation. These zones help the children to identify and understand different emotions they feel and how to deal with these emotions.

Computing

In computing we will begin our half term identifying if technology is changing the world around us. Our topic for computing this half term is Web designer. The children will learn about the history of the web, basic HTML, how to create their own graphics and how to publish their own website.

Music

Our focus will be on the topic 'Make You Feel My Love'. The children will continue to be exposed to and learn about new genres of music. We will practice a song in class and perform the song at the end of half term.

History

In History, the children will be learning about the Vikings. They will pay particular attention to the Vikings in Britain and how they influence British history. They will look at how they established their society and what everyday life looked like. They will learn how the Vikings and Anglo-Saxon period of British History came to an end.

Design and Technology

The children will be investigating cam mechanisms. They will decide on a visual and mechanical design, producing and evaluating. The children will select materials according to their functional properties. They will build a framework accurately, using a wider range of tools and equipment.

MFL (Spanish)

We will continue to benefit from the skills of a specialist teacher who comes in every Wednesday to teach the children to speak and write the language with confidence focusing on our topic 'The World Around Us', with particular focus on transport.

PE

In PE, the children will develop their skills in outdoor athletics. They will focus on developing a range of running, jumping and throwing techniques. They will also be developing their skills in rugby with our sports coach, Mr Boulton. They will focus on attacking, catching, passing and defending. This half term our PE days will be Tuesdays and Fridays.

Enrichment

We will use the 4D room to immerse ourselves within our whole class text 'Beowulf' to begin to generate vocabulary to describe a setting. We will also use the 4D room to imagine what it would have been like to be a Viking and to understand some of the consequences of the Viking invasion to support our history learning.