

English

This half term we will be reading and studying the text *Brightstorm* written by Vashti Hardy. The children will enjoy the novel in whole class reading sessions, delving deep into the themes of the book. Opportunities for writing will include a persuasive application letter and writing a character description. We will also be exploring Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, giving children the chance to study key scenes and write their own soliloquy.

Grammar

Using suffixes to turn nouns or adjectives into verbs, use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility, use subordinating conjunctions in different positions in a sentence, use and punctuate speech correctly, build cohesion across paragraphs with adverbials, use relative clauses beginning with a relative pronoun, use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.

Maths

This half term focus will be on understanding fractions and multiplying them with a whole number. We will learn how to find a fraction of an amount and apply this when problem solving. We will then move onto learning about perimeter and area. We will learn how to calculate the perimeter and area of rectilinear and compound shapes.

MFL

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.

Year 5

Half Term Curriculum Map

Term: Spring 2 (2025-2026)



PSHE

Our focus will be 'Borrowing and earning money'. The children will learn about different ways goods can be paid for. They will learn about debt, how to avoid it and the stresses and feelings that can come with debt. They will also learn that money is one factor behind job choice and that different jobs pay different amounts of money. In resiliency, we will 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

We will be introduced to binary code, learning what it is and how it works. The children challenge each other to solve word problems by using binary code as a form of secret messaging. The children will be introduced to spreadsheets and learn basic formulas. They will then create their own binary conversion machine.

R.E.

Our topic will be 'What would Jesus do?'. The topic will focus on the question: can we live by the values of Jesus in 21st Century? The children will use the teachings of Jesus to see if they stand up to modern dilemmas.

Music

This half term we will be singing songs around the topic of 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air'. We will be following the Charanga lesson plans to learn about hip hop music.

Geography

We will be focussing on a comparative study of a local area with a contrasting location in Europe. Our topic question will be 'Are floodplains a hazard or an opportunity?' The children will look to see how the use of flood zones differ in the Altcar/Formby are and the Isère river on the outskirts of Grenoble, in the French Alps.

PE

In PE, the children will be developing their skills in hockey. They will learn how to pass, receive and travel with the ball, as well as learning about tackling. They will also be developing their skills in cricket with our sports coach, Mr Boulton. They will learn how to develop control and direction when batting as well as improving their accuracy in overarm bowling. This half term our PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Science

In Science, we are continuing our topic of 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. We will perform investigations and tests to develop understanding and continue thinking scientifically. We will be learning about the solubility of different materials and learn how to recover a substance from a solution. We will learn about the difference between reversible and irreversible changes and will discuss how they differ.

Art

This half term we will be focussing on sculpture to create dragon eyes in the style of Darrell Wakelam. We will take inspiration from his work and create a cardboard prototype. We will then create a clay sculpture of a dragon eye and use paint to create texture.

Enrichment

We will have a range of opportunities to enrich our learning this half term, including a fieldwork visit in early March to support our learning about floodplains in Geography. We will also be visiting NLA for an 'Into Uni' experience. World Book Day activities.