

Year 5 2026-2027 – Autumn One.

Writing

Our theme this term is inspirational people and animals. We are looking at "Not All Heroes Wear Capes" and "Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different".

Key Vocabulary

Notorious, courageous, inspirational, renowned, ordinary hero,

Expanded Noun Phrase, simile, alliteration.

Suggested home learning tasks

To get a head start, start thinking about who inspires you and why. This could be a family member or a well-known figure. What have they done that is inspirational?

Reading

Fitting with our theme of inspirational people and animals, we will be reading stories from "Heroes" by David Long. In these stories we will find out how animals have been used in times of crisis to make a difference.

Key Vocabulary

Skimming, scanning, retrieval, summarising, inferring.

Bombardment, parapet, comrade

Suggested home learning tasks

Read and enjoy more stories about heroic people and animals.

Maths

This half term we will be working with 6-digit numbers, focusing on reading, writing, ordering and comparing them. We will also be recapping our written strategies for addition and subtraction as well as how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. These are all key skills required for the year.

Key Vocabulary

Ascending, descending, compare, greater, smaller, place value

Suggested home learning tasks

With a family member, practise giving each other numbers to read and write up to 6 digits.

Science

We will be learning all about fossils, classification and geological time in science during this half term. This will include, learning about the fossilisation process, learning about famous scientist such as Darwin and practising how to classify organisms.

Key Vocabulary

Classification, Darwin, geology, fossils, compressed

Suggested home learning tasks

Research Charles Darwin and gain an understanding of why he is so important in the world of classification.

Computing

This half term, we have Computer Explorers starting at Netley Abbey. They will be delivering the Computing Curriculum. We will provide updates to this throughout the term.



Religious Education (RE)

We are looking at the concept of "Wisdom". We are finding out about the Islamic religion and quotes that can be found in the Qur'an that are considered wise. We'll compare these to quotes found in the Bible as well as everyday phrases.

Key Vocabulary

Qur'an, Bible, Muslim, Allah

Suggested home learning tasks

Try and find out about the Islamic religion. BBC Bitesize is a good place to start (website).

Art

Our first unit is looking at creating drawings with perspective. We are going to practise this in lots of different forms, using straight lines and a vanishing point, before creating a final piece of a street scene.

Key Vocabulary

Perspective dimension vanishing point.

Suggested home learning tasks:

Visit You Tube and try out some 3D optical illusion sketches.

PDL

This is new to our school and we are really excited to share this learning with you. We will spend some time in each lesson, exploring executive functioning skills. These include our working memory, learning from our mistakes, responsible decision making and being a reflective learner.

Key Vocabulary

Reflection, memory, attention, control.

Suggested home learning tasks:

Play a memory-based game such as placing different objects on a tray, covering them and recalling which objects you saw.

Spanish

Our focus in Spanish will be learning how to say and spell the days of the week and the months of the year. We will also learn how to say numbers in Spanish which will help us to say and write the date.

Key Vocabulary

La fecha, miercoles, jueves, domingo, sabido, lunes, martes, viernes

Suggested home learning tasks:

You may want to visit this website:

[BBC Bitesize Spanish](#)



Physical Education (PE)

This half term we will be learning gymnastics as our indoor session where we will be thinking about shape, balance and form and exploring how we can hold different balances individually as well as with a partner or in a group. Our outdoor lesson will focus on basketball where we will learn key skills such as dribbling, passing and how to play as a team.

Key Vocabulary

sequences travelling symmetry asymmetry dribble pass possession positioning court

Suggested home learning tasks:

To get a head start, how many different ways can you hold a balance?

Practise your throwing and catching skills.

Music

Throughout the year, all classes will explore the following units. The order in which they do these units will depend on their class.

- Composition notation (Ancient Egypt)
- Blues
- South and West Africa
- Holi Festival
- Listen2Me - keyboard



Key Vocabulary

Texture, Structure, Timbre, Pitch, Pulse, Dynamics, Rests,

Suggested home learning tasks:

Can you keep a rhythm at home? Try tapping along with some music!