

Year 5 – Autumn 2

Writing

Our theme this term is "Aiming High". We are looking at "Hidden Figures" and seeing how key women contributed to developments in Space and how other people treated them at the time. We also have an exciting visit from the Young Shakespeare Theatre Company who will be performing Macbeth; we will then use this as a focus for our writing.

Key Vocabulary

Modal verbs segregation discrimination cohesion fronted adverbials

Suggested home learning tasks:

To get a head start, try finding out what life was like for different people in 1950's America. You could also find out about key people such as Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela.

Reading

Fitting with our theme of segregation and discrimination, we will be looking at the story "The Youngest Marcher". We will be developing our prediction and summarising skills. Before the end of term, we will develop our identification of figurative language devices, considering the impact they have on the reader.

Key Vocabulary

Simile metaphor alliteration personification

Suggested home learning tasks:

Before you start reading your next book, can you make a prediction based on the blurb and front cover as to what will happen? Think back to this after each chapter.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on converting measures including time. We will use our place value knowledge from Autumn 1 to assist us with this. Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 will be a key skill for us to use. We will also begin to look at fractions, with a focus on tenths and hundredths. We will be able to recognise these as fractions and explain the terminology tenth and hundredth.

Key Vocabulary

Numerator denominator tenths hundredths converting measurement

Suggested home learning tasks:

To get a head start, make sure you practise your multiplication and division facts – they will come up maths a lot during this half term!

Science

Our unit is "Earth and Space". We will find out the size and location of the planets in our Solar System as well as how the planets and moons impact day and night on Earth as well as the seasons.

Key Vocabulary

Orbit Axis Moon Phase Waning Waxing Gibbous Crescent

Suggested home learning tasks:

To get a head start, try looking at the moon every night before bed. What do you notice about the shape of it?

Computing

This half term, the focus will be on video production. We will learn how to create short videos by working in pairs or groups. As children progress through this unit, they will be exposed to topic-based language and develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video.

Key Vocabulary

Device angle storyboard projection content import

Suggested home learning tasks:

Watch some videos and see if you can work out which camera angles have been used.

Religious Education (RE)

We are looking at variations in the Birth Narratives within Christianity. We shall be thinking about different interpretations in the Bible of the same event and identifying how they are different.

Key Vocabulary

Christianity Magi gospel similarities differences

Suggested home learning tasks:

To get a head start, ask different people what they remember about the story of Jesus' birth. Are there any similarities or differences in the story they give?

DT

In this unit we will be using our woodwork skills to make Anglo Saxon carts that are strong enough to carry a jacket potato across the playground. We will use existing products for inspiration and evaluate as we go.

Key Vocabulary

Measure evaluate chassis hacksaw bench hook

Suggested home learning tasks:

To get a head start, can you find out what a chassis is? Where might you find one? What shape might it be?

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

We will be continuing with our "date" unit where we 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](https://www.bbc.com/learning/spanish)



Physical Education (PE)

This half term we will be developing our passing and receiving skills through the sport of hockey. We will consider how to use tactics as well as skill to help defend against others. We will also be developing our rhythm and timing skills in dance, through building up simple motifs to create a final piece.

Key Vocabulary

Pass block receive gesture pattern motifs

Suggested home learning tasks:

Watch a video of hockey on You Tube. How are they communicating with their team?

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:

You may want to see if you can find a video online where you and clap or click in time with the music.