

English

In writing, the children will be exploring the text [Boy at the back of the class](#) by Onjali Rauf. This text promotes empathy and compassion towards our peers. The children will create their own diary to showcase their descriptive skills alongside their developing use of vocabulary and sentence structures e.g. simple, compound and complex sentences. Across all writing, children will be encouraged to read, check and edit their work for accuracy. They will also practise speaking and performing in front of others to build their confidence towards the skills needed for public speaking.

Reading

In our reading sessions, we will be exploring [Henry VIII's Secret diary](#) to support our learning about the Tudor dynasty. This addition to the Horrible Histories collection, we will engage and enthuse our readers and give children an overview of the life and times of Henry VIII. We will work to develop our inference, prediction and explanation skills when answering comprehension questions.

Science

Science lessons will build upon the children's existing knowledge of life cycles. They will learn about the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. The children will learn about reproduction in both plants and animals. In addition, our focus scientist this term will be Jane Goodall.

Alongside their knowledge development, pupils will continue to progress their working scientifically skills, including: planning different enquiries to answer questions, taking measurements, recording data and results using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, reporting and presenting findings from enquiries and making predictions and conclusions.

Maths

For this first half term in Maths, we will be refreshing our number knowledge from last year and then using that to deepen our understanding of number in terms of place value, rounding and ordering of numbers up to 1 million. We will then look at addition and subtraction including larger numbers, negative numbers, money, measure, and time. We will finish this half term looking at multiplication involving multiples, factors, prime and square numbers.

We encourage pupils to practise their times tables daily, all pupils have access to Times Tables Rock Stars which can be accessed for free on most devices including mobile phones. They will have time in school to use the class IPADs for this also.

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Year 5/6

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What are we learning this term?

Please remember to read daily.

Homework is due in on **Mondays** – students are to complete one task from their homework menu each week.

Our PE Days are:

Wednesday & Thursday

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PSHE

Pupils will begin learning about influences on identity, perceptions, and gender stereotypes. During the second half term the children will learn about critically considering online friendships, contacts and sources of information, responsibilities for their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing online and how to flag concerns.

RE

Within this unit we will look at different places of worship and study the architecture of different religious buildings. We will learn about the significance of idols or statues in places of worship and discuss the ideas of tolerance and acceptance within and between religions.

Computing

In computing this half term, we will be building on our prior knowledge of keeping safe online and developing our awareness of the impact of sharing online (our 'Digital Footprint') and the children's responsibility to one another in their online behaviour.

History

In History, we will be looking at key figures of the Tudor dynasty and their long lasting legacy on this country. From the War of the Roses to the Spanish armada, we will be considering the different forms of conflict that surrounded them as well as the changes that these conflicts brought about.

Music

Students will explore Samba and listen and appraise pieces of Samba music before composing their own pieces using written notation. Students will practise and perform short pieces of music as an ensemble and as a soloist.

Physical Education

This term pupils will be learning about TAG Rugby and Gymnastics.

In TAG Rugby, they will be focusing on key techniques used within the game including, passing, control and scoring.

Gymnastics will be focusing on movement, looking at different types of jumps, leaps, rolls and cartwheels.