

Year 5 Newsletter: Spring 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now half way through this school year! We hope that you are feeling rested after the half term break. We are looking forward to the next term ahead and we have lots of exciting learning planned. We will be structuring our work around the fantastic poem 'The Highway Man', drawing on our inference skills to understand the story and the key characters. This focus will inspire children with their writing and provide lots of opportunities for them to be creative.

Maths

This half term, we will continue with our work on fractions. The children will learn how to multiply fractions and find fractions of amounts. We will then progress our learning onto decimals and percentages. Here, the children will understand the place value of decimals (up to 2 decimal places) and develop strategies to order and compare them. They will also make connections and links with their previous work on fractions.

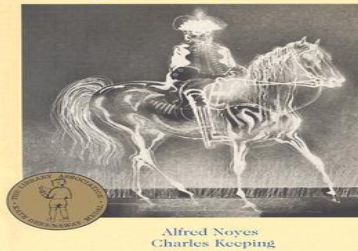
English

Our writing this term will be based around the poem 'The Highway Man'. We will carefully study Alfred Noyes' vocabulary choices and use of figurative language. This in turn will help support the children with their narrative writing. The children will also be using a range of drama techniques to immerse themselves in the roles of key characters.

French

In French, the children will be learning the different parts of the body and items of clothing. They will use a range of strategies to practise their pronunciation through the use of song and talk partners. The children will also be learning the different colours in French, using games to help them memorise key vocabulary.

The Highwayman



Science

This half term our topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. As part of this unit, the children will learn about sexual and asexual reproduction in plants, looking closely at the process of pollination and seed dispersal. The children will also investigate the life cycles of a range of different animals.

Geography

In Geography, the children will be studying North America. They will learn about the climate in different states and identify topographical features. The children will also have the opportunity to research the Grand Canyon and the effects of natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

PSHE

In PHSE, we will be learning about the effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The children will explore the influence the media can have on peoples decision making around smoking and drinking alcohol. Working in groups, the children will discuss a range of scenarios and possible solutions.

Computing

The children will explore the concept of 'selection' in programming through the use of a 'Crumble'. They will be introduced to a microcontroller and learn how to connect and program these components. At the end of the unit, the children will design and make a working fairground carousel that will demonstrate their understanding.

'Our' Place in 'Our' World

In Geography the children will learn about the social, environmental and economic effects of Hurricane Katrina. They will compare this with the UK's most common natural disaster – flooding.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Whilst looking at the case study of Hurricane Katrina, the children will be learning about aspiring entrepreneurs who have contributed to relief efforts for natural disasters.

Healthy and Happy Living

We will be learning about the impact drugs, alcohol and tobacco can have on our physical and mental health.

Inquisitive Investigators

As part of our Science topic the children will be dissecting flowers to identify the male and female parts. They will also be investigating effective methods of seed dispersal.

Important information & Dates to remember:

- PE now takes place on Wednesday afternoon. Children should wear their PE kit for school on this day.
- Parents' Consultation Evening – Wednesday 16th March and Thursday 17th March
- World Book Week w/c Monday 28th February
- Learning Log due – Tuesday 22nd March
- Close for Easter Holidays – Friday 1st April