Chapter 5 Learning Journey

English

This term, Year 5 will be studying FArTHER and will be using this book as a basis to write a recount letter and setting descriptions. During this time, we will also be developing and revisiting key skills such as sentence building and modal verbs. In reading, we will be reading a whole class reader, as well as Guided Reading and comprehension exercises relating to our writing topics.

Mathematics

This term, Year 5 pupils will follow the White Rose Maths scheme, developing their understanding of number and calculation. Children will build their place value knowledge by working with numbers up to 1,000,000, including comparing, ordering and rounding numbers. They will strengthen their addition and subtraction skills using formal written methods and apply these to solve multi-step problems. Pupils will also explore multiplication and division, learning about multiples, factors, prime, square and cube numbers. In the fractions block, children will identify equivalent fractions, convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions, and compare, order, add and subtract fractions with increasing confidence.

Spanish

Los Deportes This half term, pupils will focus on sports and opinions. They will pronounce cognates and other sports accurately from text, applying their phonics knowledge and will distinguish between masculine and feminine nouns. They will learn how to use a Spanish/English bilingual dictionary to look up unknown sports and will learn how to say which sports they like and dislike. Sports clothing will also be part of the topic and pupils will learn to describe clothes and consider the position and agreement of adjectives in Spanish. Pupils will use the preposition para and will focus on the 'e' and 'll' phonemes. An excellent website to practise these topics at home is www.languagenut.com and excellent apps are Duolingo and Droplets.

Religious Education

This half of the term, Year 5 children will be looking closely at the 5 pillars of Islam and the ten obligatory acts as well as a focus on hajj and its relationship with the stories learned at the beginning of the term.

Science

In this half term, we will be focusing on the changes as humans develop to old age. We will begin to look at the human life cycle and how children prepare for adulthood, before moving on to thinking about other key milestones in a human's life.

Computing

In this unit, pupils start to create vector drawings. They learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images. Pupils recognise that images in vector drawings are created using shapes and lines, and each individual element in the drawing is called an object. Pupils layer their objects and begin grouping and duplicating them to support the creation of more complex pieces of work. This unit is planned using the Google Drawings app, other alternative pieces of software are available.

Physical Education

This half term, the children will be developing their coordination, agility and speed as they take part in indoor athletics. They will be encouraged to identify areas for improvement and challenge themselves further. They will also participate in a number of invasion games where they will focus on teamwork and develop their decision making in competitive situations. The pupils will have opportunities to take part in competitive fixtures.

Music

The meaning of Christmas

Chapter 5 will use music to spread the message of Christmas time, following themes closely linked with PHSE a round charity, thoughtfulness and Peace. They will study Rock music and how this genre in particular encompasses the raw message of Christmas and communicates Christmas time with a unique sound. They will accompany themselves with our own in-house band.

Humanities

In History, we are studying the Anglo-Saxons! We will consider attacks made by land and sea and how these movements were possible, as well as a look at the changing Kingdom of Mercia. We will also consider why the Angles even have links to angels!

In Geography, we move our study to Oceans and how oceans are used for things like trade. We will also consider the human impact on oceans, looking closely and the climate and climate change too

DT

Our topic this half term is Food from Around the World! We will explore different foods from around the world whilst learning about food hygiene and exploring different food tech techniques. The unit culminates with us making our own spring rolls and dip!

LC+

This term, Year 5 will be using LC+ time for a combination of further brain activities and puzzles as well as doing short runs to help increase fitness. They will also be learning about the different aspects of Christmas around the world. In addition to this each year 5 class will be preparing and performing their class assembly.

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