Curriculum Overview

Year 5
Autumn 1

English

In English, Year 5 will begin with a unit on writing to entertain, where they will rewrite the story of *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*. The focus will be on using fronted adverbials, short sentences for effect, and parenthesis to enhance their storytelling. Following this, they will dive into a poetry unit inspired by *The Highwayman*, exploring the use of expanded noun phrases, direct speech, and figurative language to bring their writing to life.

Music

We will be exploring the Bon Jovi track Livin' on a Prayer. Children will be listening to, appraising and then performing music using a range of instruments.

DT

In DT, Year 5 will take part in an exciting unit called *Come Dine With Me*. They will begin by exploring how food travels from farm to fork, gaining an understanding of food origins and production. Next, they will investigate complementary flavours and learn why certain ingredients work well together. Using this knowledge, they will research, plan, and design their own three-course meal. Finally, the children will write their recipes, then cook and serve their meals, putting their culinary skills into practice.

Science

In science, we will be investigating materials and their properties. We will discuss why certain materials are used for certain jobs, and whether we can improve household items. As well as learning plenty of information about these materials, we will put our knowledge to the test in a series of experiments and tests.

History

In Year 5, students will explore the fascinating world of the ancient Shang Dynasty of China, learning when and where the Shang people lived over 3,000 years ago and how we know about them. They will investigate the benefits and challenges of settling near the Yellow River, and examine the importance of Fu Hao's tomb in helping historians understand Shang society. They will learn about the social hierarchy of the Shang Dynasty, what daily life was like, and how the Shang developed one of the earliest known Chinese writing systems. Finally, they will explore the reasons why the Shang Dynasty eventually came to an end.

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on place value first. This topic will cover partitioning, rounding, comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000,000. Next, Year 5 will move on to adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than four digits. Using a range of strategies to check their calculation through inverse operations or rounding. Year 5, will deepen their conceptual and procedural understanding by tackling a range of reasoning and problem-solving tasks.

PSHCE

In PSHE we will be considering what it means "Being Me in My World". We will set our goals for ourselves, as well as discussing our rights and responsibilities, bullying and different cultures. These lessons will also include any issues that may arise in the classroom and the playground.

Reading

Our class novels for this term will be Coming to England by Floella Benjamin and The Demon Headmaster. We will continue to use the different reading vipers to improve our comprehension skills as well as continuing to work on our reading fluency.

PE

In PE, Year 5 will be working on their skills in a variety of sports. First, they will work on their netball skills, passing and shooting a ball while working in a team. There will also be a focus on orienteering, where children will learn how to use a map to follow routes and solve problems.