



Year 4, 5 & 6 – Spring 1 Overview

We have an exciting half term ahead. Here is an overview of the topics that we will be covering in Year 4, 5 & 6

Subject	Topic		
English writing – Everyday	Our English lessons this half term is based around the book 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' written by Mordicai Gerstein. During the sequence, children will create their own newspaper report and biography.		
Spellings– tested on a Friday	Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homophones and near homophones • Nouns ending in the suffix - ation • Adding the prefix sub- (meaning 'under') and adding the prefix super- (meaning 'above') 	Year 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating nouns using -ity suffix • Creating nouns using -ness suffix • Creating nouns using -ship suffix • Homophones and near homophones 	Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer • Words with a long /e/ sound spelt 'ie' or 'ei' after c (and exceptions) • Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning • Statutory spelling challenge words
Maths – Everyday Wednesdays and Thursdays Year 6 taught by Mrs Orridge	Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication • Division • Length and perimeter • Fractions • Decimals 	Year 5 & 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication • Division • Fractions • Decimals and percentages • Area, perimeter and volume 	
Science - Monday	In science, we are learning about how our eyes see light, how light travels and how to draw Ray diagrams. Then we will investigate 'How does the distance from a light source affect the size of a shadow' with a fair test. Finally, we will learn about refraction, what light pollution is and ways it can be reduced.		
History – Tuesday	In history, we will be learning about the rise and fall of the Roman Empire by firstly looking at the Punic Wars, then examining major figures including Julius Caesar, Caesar Augustus and the Pax Romana. Then we will look at the impact of Christianity on Rome and, finally, the fall of the empire across Europe.		

	Furthermore, we will have a Roman experience day to dig deeper into this fascinating topic.
Music – Wednesday	Our topic in Music will see the children learning about film music. By unpicking the soundtrack from the Wallace and Gromit film, 'A Close Shave', children will understand the impact music has on an audience's viewing experience. They will learn to read a graphic score, create their own to represent a composition and perform their composition with a range of instruments.
PE – Tuesday and Wednesday	Our first PE lesson of the week will be dance and the second will be delivered by different sports specialists in a range of sports, including yoga, street dance, fencing, basketball, cricket and golf.
Computing – Friday	In computing, we will be looking at Internet safety and coding.
Art – Thursday	In Art, the children will be designing doodle boots with integrated circuits and motors.
PSHE – Tuesday	This term we be looking at dreams and goals. This topic will include lessons on identifying personal dreams and goals, learning what resilience and perseverance is, what to do when things do not always go the way we want and how to work in a team successfully.
RE – Thursday	This half term we will be developing our understanding of the main Hindu values, the concept of karma and the four aims of Hinduism (dharma, artha, kama, moksha). Then, turning our focus on Islam, we will be learning about what it means to be a British Muslim, what the Five Pillars of Islam are and know why the festival of Eid-ul-Adha is celebrated.
French – Thursday Year 6 taught by French specialist.	This term in French we will be looking at describing the type of house we live in, describing what is in our homes and finally describing our parents and grandparents.

Please ask us about our learning, we cannot wait to tell you what we have learned!