

# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

## YEAR 5 SPRING

### ENGLISH

We start this term with poetry. We will listen to recite and learn poems. During this we will learn how to respond and describe poetry by referring to vocabulary, literary effects and their effects on the reader and the intentions of the reader. We will explore the art of performance and prepare poems for a reading.

Later we move on to Shakespeare. We will begin by researching some biographical details then move onto looking into the language and trying to understand some of the vocabulary used. We will focus on two plays; Romeo & Juliet and Macbeth. We will write our own scripts and then face the challenge of presenting Shakespeare in 60 seconds!

After the bard, we explore reports and journalistic writing, using a version of The Emperor's New Clothes. Children will use role-play; read, discuss and write a range of reports; and hold a classroom fashion show. Grammar will include dialogue punctuation, direct/reported speech, active and passive voice.

Then, we will explore the mystery story genre by analysing a series of short stories, using a range of narrative techniques to write our own short story.

### SCIENCE

Our focus this term will be on living things and habitats. The children will be taught to describe life-cycle changes in different organisms. This will include the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Children will draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans. They will learn about the changes experienced during puberty. Children will work scientifically by researching information about changes in different animals, compiling and presenting their findings.

Throughout the term we will continue to develop our investigative skills including: planning our own scientific enquiries, recording data and results using graphs and taking measurements with increasing accuracy and precision.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### INFORMATION

Children are expected to have a complete, named P.E kit in school at all times.

### HOMEWORK

This year there will be English and Maths homework in addition to reading and spelling, every week.

Homework will be set on Monday and expected back in school by Friday.

Please check your child's planner for details.

### MATHS

We start with a short unit on statistics. This will involve solving problems by reading and interpreting information presented in tables and graphs.

We will then move onto fractions. We will order and compare fractions. We will calculate equivalent fractions. We will also learn to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. Later, we will be adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. And later still we will be multiplying fractions by whole numbers.

In the second half of the term we focus on decimals. We start with place value - writing, ordering and comparing. We will round decimals and then solve problems with decimals in different contexts.

## VALUES –

### Appreciation & Tolerance

## THEME –

### LIFE – PAST & PRESENT