

**Year 5/6 Curriculum Newsletter
Spring Term 4 – February 2022**



Dear Parents/Carers,
Please look through the curriculum overview for this term. The children will be developing their understanding of features of traditional tales before writing tales of their own. This is followed by a two week science unit which will incorporate British Science Week activities. The final two weeks, will be spent learning to write historical fiction about the artist, Leonardo Da Vinci. Please see this term's homework sheet that accompanies this term's learning in class.

English: This term, the children will be focusing on writing detailed setting descriptions and developing their ability to create atmosphere. They will be looking at and exploring the features in model texts to develop their own writing. In addition, we will continue to focus on the non-negotiables of writing, handwriting/presentation and practise using a range of sentence structures.

Maths: We are continuing to work on fractions and encouraging the children to apply – with increasing confidence – their knowledge of the four operations to their calculations in a range of contexts, including reasoning and problem solving. We will also be working on strategies to remember times tables facts to develop confidence and speed in mental recall.

Science: It is British Science Week (11th -20th March) and children will be taking part in some activities around this year's theme of 'Growth'.

Theme: The focus of this term is Leonardo Da Vinci. The children will be finding out about this famous Renaissance artist from both historical and artistic perspectives. They will be gaining an understanding of where this artist fits in to the timeline of history. They will be analysing his inspirations, style

PE & Games

This term, the children will develop their hockey skills, learning how to pass, receive and travel with the ball as well as tackle and shoot. They will also develop their attacking and defending skills in invasion games.

RE

Our big question this term is: 'What did Jesus do to save Christians?' During this unit, the children will be learning to make connections between Christian beliefs and how these are celebrated.

Music:

This term's unit focuses on Will Smith's 'Fresh Prince of Bell Air', which explores the genre of Hip Hop. The children will be developing their listening and appraising skills, develop their understanding of the interrelated dimensions of music and apply this when performing the song.

English, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar:

The children continue to secure their application of spelling. This is done through direct teaching and application across the curriculum.

Woodland

This term, the children will continue to develop a range of skills during their weekly woodland session. Some sessions will take place indoors.

French

During the term, the children will be developing their ability to describe the weather. Additionally, they will learn numbers to 30 and days/months of the year.

If you have any questions, please do drop in and ask!

**Kind regards,
Mrs Moffatt**