

Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2nd Half 2018



We really hope you enjoyed your break and, like us, are looking forward to Autumn 2.

Here in year 5, we are extremely eager for our new topic: '**Passport to the World**' to lift off! We will be taking our learning on a journey across three different continents: Europe, South America and Asia and comparing what every-day life is like in different places around the world. We would encourage you to continue any research into these countries at home and do let us know if you have any specific insights into any of the three focus countries (England, Peru and India) as we would love to welcome some guest speakers into our classrooms.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries throughout this half term.

Achieving Success

Mathematics

The units we shall be covering this term are:

Unit 3: Reading and interpreting line graphs and timetables (such as train time tables)

Unit 4: Multiplication and division with a particular focus on the formal written methods for short division, short multiplication and long multiplication

Unit 5: Calculating the perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes

PSHE

We will be introducing Pathways this half term so there will be a lot of focus on balance and class discussions on the future. There will also be several trips in order to teach the children about the various jobs in London.

We will also continue with our weekly circle times and mindfulness activities.

Science

This term we will be conducting a range of experiments to help develop our understanding of sound. We will learn about how fast sound travels depending on a variety of factors, how the pitch of a sound is affected by its wave length, and what makes a sound louder. We will also be learning how to conduct a fair test.

Literacy

We will be researching several countries around the world with a main focus on England, Peru and India. While learning what the daily life is like in these particular countries, our students will be writing their own pieces from different points of view. Later in the term, we will be learning about free verse poetry and we will have the opportunity to become a poet and challenge ourselves at writing our own pieces!

Topic

Our topic this term is around the world. As we will be learning about several countries, our aim is to be able to locate cities, countries and continents on a world map. With these countries, we will be comparing and contrasting them. Finally, we will conclude with the different hemispheres, zones of the world and longitude and latitude.

Art

In Art we will be continuing to compare and contrast England, Peru and India by researching and creating our own versions of art from these countries. We will use our research on these countries to inform our art pieces and will be exploring the culture and traditions that have shaped the artwork from each country.

Physical Education

In P.E this half term the focus will be on fielding, attacking and defending tactically by anticipating the direction of play. We will be using team sports such as football and netball to achieve this.

Class Book

Spain class have been reading '**Holes**' by Louis Sachar, while Greece class is continuing on with **Street Child**. Both classes are loving their books and exploring the lives of two young main characters.

Other Useful Information: Spain Class will be continuing with their weekly trip to the Rhythm Studio every Wednesday afternoon and this will swap to Greece Class in the Spring Term. Pupils are still required to come to school in their PE kits on **Tuesday** each week. We are also starting a new spelling homework program. The instructions with words for each week for the half term have been sent home. Please make sure you've had a look through it. Do make sure that you are continuing to read with your children at home every day (if possible) with a focus on their comprehension of the text you are reading and don't forget times tables as well !

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