

Welcome to Year 5's Autumn Term 2023 overview.

This term, we will be learning about:

English

Year 5 will begin Book Talk lessons focusing on Viking Boy. We will make connections with this during Writing lessons where we will create a narrative based on Arthur and the Golden Rope. In Autumn 2, our main focus in Book Talk will be on Street Child. This will lead nicely into our writing unit and our Victorian Day as part of our history topic.



Maths



Following the White Rose Hub scheme, we will begin Autumn term by covering Number and Place Value as well as the Four Operations with a focus on Addition and Subtraction. Autumn 2 will continue exploring Four Operations with a focus on Multiplication and Division. We will also develop understanding of Fractions during this half term.

Science



Autumn term will begin with the study of Materials. Children will revise solids, liquids and gases to make connections with different material properties. We will be conducting experiments and investigations on separating materials by evaporation and condensation, filtering, decanting and sieving. In Autumn 2, we will explore Forces. Children will learn about gravity, air resistance and water resistance and participate in a number of practical activities including making parachutes.



History

History will be our main focus of Autumn term through our study of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in Autumn 1 and The History of Medicine in Autumn 2. In Autumn 1, children will build on learning from Year 4 by exploring why conflict between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings began and the importance of Viking longboats. In Autumn 2, children will dive into the History of Medicine starting with Roman Greek philosophies and ending with learning about the development of the NHS. We will cover our Victorian Day through this unit.



Computing

At the beginning of Autumn term, we will revise the importance of Online Safety. We will look at key vocabulary throughout this unit and explore a range of scenarios of how to stay safe online. Following online safety, we will be revising basic coding skills by following the Purple Mash step-by-step lesson guidance. We will also work on typing skills and use Microsoft Word in cross-curricular lessons.

Religious Education

Our key question at the beginning of Autumn term 1 is 'Do Muslims need the Qur'an?' Pupils will understand which holy texts are important in Islam and how they guide Muslims. During Autumn term 2 children will be discussing 'How does God communicate with humans?' In this unit, we will discuss a range of bible stories that reveal how God has communicated with man and consider how this is different in other faiths.

PSHE

Our focus for Autumn term is 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Differences'. We will encourage open, honest and respectful discussions in all lessons. Pupils will be supported to recognise and celebrate healthy friendships and other relations.

P.E.

Our PE will be on Monday and Thursday this year. Class teachers will lead PE on Mondays and TFG will lead PE on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing an appropriate PE kit for the weather. Please bring extra/spare kit in a PE bag if necessary. During Monday lessons, we will recap key skills required in netball and football. We will then gradually build up to mini matches where children will not only play, but also evaluate other players.



Music

We will be using Charanga during our biweekly music lessons. Our first unit will include the study of the song 'Living on a Prayer', Bon Jovi. During these lessons, we will learn the song, study the rhythm and produce our own beats to the music. Towards Christmas, we will learn traditional Christmas songs and carols.

French

The study of French will continue from what the children have learnt in Year 4. Following our focus scheme of work, we will begin the year revising numbers and then to move on to learn new French vocabulary around the topic of food.

Art and DT

During Autumn 1, we will link our writing focus, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' to our typography topic. Pupils will develop their drawing skills to create their own lettering for a map of Arthur's island. In Autumn 2, we will move onto our Design and Technology unit where we will be designing and evaluating our own soup recipe and thinking about which locally sourced ingredients would make the tastiest soup.



