

Year 5 Spring Term 4

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PSHE

English

Our class text this term is 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo and we will be writing 'warning' stories. Towards the end of term, we will be using the picture book 'The Island' by Armin Greder which contextualises the ancient and yet painfully modern story of acceptance of those who may seem different to another society. We will bring the story alive through drama and literacy opportunities.

Maths

We will start this term by solving word problems around decimal numbers which involve adding, subtracting and finding missing numbers. We then move onto geometry and will be looking at properties of shape where we will identify 3-D shapes from 2-D representations, use the properties of rectangles to deduce related facts, find missing lengths and distinguish between regular and irregular polygons. We will continue to complete times table tests weekly and regularly practise arithmetic skills.

We will look at the several aspects of how to keep ourselves fit, healthy and happy. This will involve looking at the negative effects of smoking or misusing alcohol; learning basic emergency aid, including the recovery position, looking at how the media, social media and celebrity culture promotes certain body types and we will consider the different roles food plays in people's lives.

Art

This term we will be recreating a sketch for our story that we will write in the style of the American contemporary artist Adonna Khare who combines realistic depictions of animals with fabulist image-based story telling.

PE

This term we will be swimming on Monday mornings and then in school we will have netball outside on Tuesday afternoons.

Primary Languages

In French this term we will be learning 'Quelle heure est il?' This will enable us to tell the time in French, learn the days of the week and months of the year. Our language of the term is Makaton, a language programme that uses signs, with speech and symbols to communicate.

RE

This term we will return to Christianity and look at the question: when Christians need real wisdom, where do they look for it?

Music

This term we will be looking at introducing chords where we will celebrate a wide range of musical styles. In our lessons we will listen, sing, play, compose and perform.

Science

In science this term, we will be continuing with our current topic Properties and Changes of Materials where we will continue to compare and investigate the particular uses for everyday materials. We will also demonstrate that some changes are reversible including: mixing, dissolving and changes of state as well as consider how some changes result in the formation of new materials and that this kind of change is not usually reversible.

Geography

In geography this term we will be studying Natural Resources. We will look at natural resources and land uses in Britain, the abundant natural resources and the ones which are not and the implications of this.

Computing

This term we will be searching databases, creating a class database and a topic database.