

English

This half term, we will begin by exploring some poetry linked to our theme of "Wild Waters", before moving on to learning about 'The Wind in the Willows'. We will be looking at Mr Toad and writing a defence letter, to justify his innocence of the silly crimes that he commits. We will also ensure we are reading a wide range of books, both for our own pleasure and linked with our learning; this will be encouraged in our own personal reading time, too, when not in school.

Science

In Science, we will be focusing on the topic of Fossils, geological time, and classification. We will start by exploring just how long ago life first appeared on earth, before learning the process of fossil formation for animals and plants. We end by looking at the major classification groups for plants, animals, fungi and bacteria.

Art and Design Technology

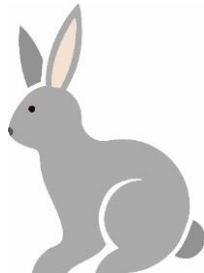
We will begin our learning in art lessons by exploring the work of Monet, using a variety of techniques to create water images in a similar style to Monet. In Design Technology, we will look at different ways to construct bridges, before attempting to make one of our own.

Music

This half term, we will develop and perform a piece of music, based on a 'fantastic beast', working in smaller groups and then combining as a class. Through this activity, we will understand, read and notate pitch.



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Geography

This half term we begin our "Wild Waters" theme, during which we will learn about different rivers of the world, labelling them and understanding their physical features. We will be linking this to the concept of sustainability and how we can look after our environment and the wider world.

Ways to support the learning

Please consider the following:

- Complete any given tasks, including regular Maths and English questions, which will be set on Purple Mash
- Encourage your child to change their reading book and / or library book regularly.
- Try to ensure your child reads at home, at least 5 times a week. Don't forget to record those times in their Reading Record!
- Practise spellings from the spelling lists on EdShed that will be set weekly on a Monday, ready for their Spelling Test on the Friday of that week.

If you have any questions or worries please feel free to come and talk to any member of the year 5 team.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be working on many different maths skills, which will include the following:

- Addition and subtraction
- Place value
- Rounding numbers
- Multiplication and division
- Area and perimeter
- Fractions

PSHE

The whole school will continue to use the SCARF curriculum to support our learning in Personal Social and Health Education lessons. This half term we will focus on 'Me and my relationships,' in which we will explore conflict resolution, building self-esteem, showing respect and developing positive relationships.

PE and Swimming

PE will be on a **Tuesday** afternoon, as will Swimming; further details about swimming lessons will go out separately. In P.E. we will be developing our collaboration, power and accuracy to our unit of Cricket.

ICT Photography and Digital Art

This half term we will begin by taking digital photographs, before we learn to change them by cropping, altering the brightness of the image and by resizing them. We will then present these images onto A4 paper to go into our Foundation Curriculum books.

