



Year 5
Summer Term Booklet
2018

We have a very busy term ahead for Year 5. Let us hope that the Summer Term will bring some achievements to celebrate!

Our two topics this term are FEVER, FIRE AND FASHION and RITES AND RITUALS.

Fever, Fire and Fashion:

This Unit is designed to take pupils on an exciting journey back in time to 17th Century London in the era of the Plague and the Great Fire. This is the London of Charles II, Sir Christopher Wren and the diarists Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn.

Pupils will enjoy learning about the 'cures' for plague sold by so-called quack doctors. They will wish that they could have visited a frost fair on the frozen River Thames. They will be fascinated by the curious fashions and fads of the time, including little boys in frilly pink skirts!

English:

Through their work on daily life in 17th Century London, pupils will develop:

- Speaking and listening skills such as drama, role-play and improvisation techniques.
- Reading skills such as the ability to compare texts and make inferences and deductions.
- Writing skills such as being able to recognise the conventions associated with familiar types of writing i.e. persuasive and discussion texts.

History:

Through their work on the *Great Plague* and 17th century medicine, pupils will develop:

- important historical skills such as the ability to describe examples of change and continuity and similarity and difference.
- analytical skills such as the ability to explain causes and consequences.
- research skills such as deciding how relevant or useful sources of information are for a particular enquiry.

Art and Design:

Through their work on Rembrandt, pupils will be able to:

- describe the work and techniques of one of the greatest portrait painters of all time.
- use chiaroscuro techniques effectively to create mood in their sketches.

Languages:

The children will continue their French study, focusing on some aspects of pronunciation and learning everyday conversational French.

RITES AND RITUALS:

This unit will introduce the children to the mysterious world of the Mayans. This highly advanced civilization flourished in Central America and is noted for its awe inspiring architecture and its astronomical achievements. On a less pleasant note, the Mayans are also remembered for playing highly violent sports and practicing human sacrifice to please their bloodthirsty gods!

English:

Children will learn about many different aspects of the Mayan civilization through their study of a variety of non-fiction texts. They learn to convert information stored in non-fiction texts into different formats as well as exploring a variety of text types eg letters, job advertisements and news reports.

Geography:

Pupils will learn about the ways in which people past and present manage scarce resources such as fresh water, and about some of the innovative and sustainable farming techniques used by ancient civilisations. They will also learn about the trading of precious resources in the ancient world and in our own.

History:

Children will learn about the span of time across which Mayan civilization existed, and will learn to demarcate some of the distinctive eras within this. They will learn about the architectural genius of the Mayans and explore the religious significance of their buildings.

The children will also learn about the achievements of the Mayan mathematicians and astronomers, and their development of a sophisticated system of calendars.

Art and Design/ Music:

The children will study Mayan art and masks then make their own from papier-mâché.

In music, they will look at some traditional Mayan music and instruments associated with ceremonies and rituals, while making comparisons between Mayan and modern day music.

Computing:

The children will explore two locations using Google Earth and collect information to compare and contrast them. They will also investigate how to set up a blog, using code to post and add a variety of multimedia. This will be in the second half of the term.

English including Speaking and Listening

Children will be expected to learn weekly spellings as well as continue regular reading in class and at home. The children will be working in mixed ability classes for English this term.

Maths

Within Maths this term we will be covering understanding \times and \div , securing place value, mental calculation strategies, money and real life problems, fractions, decimals and percentages, handling data, shape and space, reasoning about shape, measures, properties of number, reasoning about number and problem solving. Children in Year 5 will be taught in ability groups.

Science

The topics we look at in this term is a unit on Sex Education. Further details will be provided nearer the time. Children will work in their class groups for Science.

Later in the term we will have a science week on Forces.

P.E. and Games

Year 5 will need their P.E. kits on Tuesday and Wednesday when we will be doing Outdoor P.E. (Cricket, Athletics and Rounders). We will also explore Mayan Games.

Extra Curricular

There will be the chance to join clubs please look out for the letters. Most clubs are either after school or at lunchtime and your child should listen out in assembly for when and where these clubs will start.

Dates and Other Events

Mexicolore Visit - 8th June

WW1 Experience St. Michael's Church - 15th June

Sports Day - 20th June. KS1 am; KS2 pm.

Kwik Cricket (selected team) - 5th July

End of year production - 10th and 12th July

We will be doing an end of year production. It will involve all children in years 5 & 6. It is a very good opportunity for Year 5 to understand the need to play a supporting role sometimes and we therefore encourage all the children to attend the evening performance. Tickets (two per family) will be on sale, by application form, nearer the time.

May I remind parents that children are encouraged to bring in see-through water bottles containing non-flavoured water only for the classroom and as the days will, hopefully, be getting hotter this will help the children to concentrate. Also you will remember the letter sent to you at the beginning of the year, regarding pens for the children to write with in class. I would just like to remind you that your child is expected to provide their own blue ink pen. All children in Year 5 should be writing in ink. These are available from school for 50p.

Home Learning

All year 5 pupils will receive Home Learning to be completed over each half term. They will be informed as to the content, presentation and the length of time it should take. There will also be the occasional home

learning that relates specifically to the lessons. This should be completed within the week it is given. The children will be tested on spellings and times tables weekly. Children should also continue their daily reading. ***All Home Learning will be available for you to view on our Year 5 page of the Website.***