



Central Primary Curriculum Overview – Year 5 – Autumn Term (1)

Subject Area	Content
English	<p>Reading: Wisteria class will be studying “My brother Sam is dead”, a book about the American Civil War of Independence which also considers the themes of allegiances and how these can affect family ties during exceptional times, including during conflict. Walnut class will be reading “Counting by Sevens” and Willow class “Jessica’s Ghost” Both of the latter are books which explore the themes of being different, finding friendship during difficult times and themes of loss and death. We will ensure to accompany the more difficult content of all these texts with appropriate PSHE input.</p> <p>Speaking and Listening: All of our English classes will emphasise the spoken language, as it is also by our views verbally that we learn to become good writers. We will also ensure to focus heavily on new and challenging vocabulary, to help enrich the reading and writing experiences of all children in our classes.</p> <p>Writing: We begin our English work by focusing on Biographies, exploring the features of biographies by studying a model text on the composer Andrew Lloyd Webber before enabling the children to research facts about William Shakespeare in preparation for writing a biography of this famous playwright.</p>
Maths	<p>Maths learning will include: We will begin by reviewing and deepening our knowledge of place value, learning to order multiple digit numbers in ascending and descending order and understanding the role of decimal points in numbers. We will then be focusing on addition of whole numbers of increasing size, decimals and applying our knowledge to real life word problems.</p>
Science	<p>Scientific Investigations Skills: We will begin to understand that what we observe by sight may not always be truth and explore some of the sources of information which tell us about Earth and Space, and how both secondary sources of information and our knowledge have been refined over time through ongoing scientific research.</p> <p>Science Content: We will be exploring the theme of “Earth and Space”, enabling us to understand core elements of our solar system; phenomena such as day and night and the seasons and why these occur; other galaxies and the phases of the moon. We hope to organise exposure to a Planetarium through a visit to our school.</p>
Computing	<p>During computing lessons this term the children will be learning about the history of podcasts and their uses today. Children will explore sound recordings and the programs used to create podcasts before planning, recording and editing their own podcast.</p>
Topic	<p>Geography/History– Alongside our work on biographies and the works of William Shakespeare, we will be working hard on our productions of “The Tempest” and “Romeo and Juliet” respectively. Our topic lessons will be dedicated to exploring these plays, developing skills in acting and performing, stage design and practice in preparation for our performance on 3rd November 2017.</p> <p>Art – During the Autumn term we will be studying the artist Hannah Hoch. We will be analysing some of Hannah’s work before exploring some of the techniques used in her work before planning and creating a stylised piece ourselves!</p>
French- NR	<p>To round off the summer season, our French lessons this half term will be centred around the theme of “The Beach “ (La Plage), allowing us to explore key vocabulary relating to this topic including colours and more descriptive styles of writing in French.</p>
Music	<p>Our Music lessons will involve singing sessions to progress the use of our voices. There will also be an additional opportunity to develop the use of instruments on alongside our weekly singing lessons that follow the voices foundation programme. Year 5 students have recorder lessons every Friday, please encourage and remind your child to bring their recorder every week.</p>

PE	<p>Tuesday: Our indoor PE slot on Tuesday afternoons will be dedicated to drama and the exploration and rehearsals of our Shakespeare play and drama-related games and skills development.</p> <p>Wednesday: We have Dance with Mrs Bulaitis every Wednesday.</p> <p>Friday: Year 5 will be participating in swimming lessons on Friday afternoons during this half term. The two classes will take it in turns to visit the swimming pool on alternate Fridays.</p>
PSHCE	<p>This term's PSHE curriculum will be linked to the theme of celebrating difference and understanding diversity of people, cultures and religions.</p>
RE	<p>This half term we will be learning about authority figures/ leaders of religions. Specifically looking at Christianity and Judaism. We will then move on to thinking about some of the ultimate questions and creation stories from the perspective of both religions.</p>
Educational Visits	<p>We hope to welcome a team from 'Create Space' to our school either at the end of this term or at the start of autumn 2 to re-create a Planetarium experience for our year 5 children.</p> <p>We are also visiting Watersmeet Theatre at the end of September to attend a workshop to rehearse and refine our Shakespeare Schools Foundation performances in November.</p>
Things to bring	<p>Children must bring their reading book and reading record to school every day. They may also bring a water bottle to keep in class. We will expect children to bring their home spelling books in to school once a week (Friday); PE kits twice a week as well as a swimming kit, once a week. Children do not need to bring pencil cases, as pencils, rubbers and rulers are provided in class.</p> <p>Wednesday– Dance kit Fridays – Swimming kit</p>
Dates to remember	<p>Tuesday 12th September 2017 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Y5 Junior Travel Assistant Talk Monday 25th September 2017 9:00 am - 9:30 am Y1 & Y2: Harvest Assembly at Derby Road Church Monday 25th September 2017 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm Parents' Evening Tuesday 26th September 2017 All Day European Languages Day Friday 29th September 2017 All Day Y5 Shakespeare Rehearsal at Watersmeet Theatre Wednesday 4th October 2017 All Day No Pens Day Monday 9th October 2017 3:00 pm - 3:20 pm Rabbi Aaron visiting KS2 Assembly Tuesday 17th October 2017 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Harvest Assemblies Saturday 21st October 2017 - Sunday 29th October 2017 All Day Autumn Half Term – School Closed</p>