

English: This term we will begin by revising year 4 grammar focuses and begin learning year 5 spelling, punctuation and sentence structure. Our first topic will be instruction writing before we move onto our take one book unit – The Pearl Diver. This is a very exciting text, focusing on a different cultures. After half term, we will begin the term with fiction from our literary heritage. We will explore the plot, characters and themes of our play, Twelfth Night, through reading, writing and drama. The play will be used as inspiration for a series of reading and writing tasks, such as letters and diary entries. We hope to visit the Globe Theatre in connection with this unit.

Reading: In year 5, we are passionate about reading. It is imperative that your child reads at home as often as possible. We understand how busy life can get however we ask that your child reads at least 4 times per week at home. Please read with your child on a regular basis to help them to improve their comprehension and understanding of new vocabulary. Please ensure you sign your child's reading record as these will be checked on a weekly basis. Please refer to the inside front cover of your child's reading record for more information about reading expectations.

Art: We will begin the term exploring the works of Peter Thorpe and his love for space fiction and space science. This links with our Science topic—Earth and Space. We will be using Thorpe as an inspiration to create our own abstract space art. We will then be linking our art with our topic of South America. We will be exploring the work of two artists, beginning with Beatriz Milhazes and moving onto learning about Frieda Khalo. The children will be learning about Milhazes' and Khalo's work and inspirations.

PE:

Outdoor PE (Games) is on a **Friday** with Mr Ferrel. Indoor PE is on **Tuesday**. We will be covering aspects of Dance, Gymnastics, Net/Wall games and Invasion Games. Please bring PE kits into school on a Monday for them to stay in school. These can go home on Fridays to be washed.

Music: Y5 have the opportunity of learning to play a brass instrument, the cornet. This will be taught by a member of the Herts Music Service and will be very exciting for the children.

Maths: Our topic this term is Number and place Value, including ordering, reading and writing numbers to and a million, addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. We will be multiplying numbers by 10, 100 and 1000, as well as learning short multiplication.

It is expected that all children will be able to recall multiplication facts quickly, out of sequence and to know the related division facts. It is therefore imperative that all children practise and learn their times tables (to 12 x 12). We do Disraeli three times a week in school as a chance for children to practise their times tables.

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Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer despite the challenges we continue to face with Covid-19. We are thoroughly looking forward to the year ahead! I am aware that it may be difficult to have regular contact with the current drop off and pick up arrangements therefore please do not hesitate to email the office if you need to speak with me.

Science:

Our science topic for this term is 'Earth and Space'. We will begin to look at orbits and the position of the planets in our solar system as well as looking at why we have day and night. Next, we will move onto learning about the seasons and time zones. We will also investigate the shape of the Earth, Sun and Moon and their relative sizes. We learn about the movement of the Earth and other planets in relation to the Sun and the different phases of the moon. Later on in the term, we will cover our new topic: "Materials", including

Homework and Spellings: Spellings tests will be each Wednesday. New spellings will be given out either the same day or the next day. The children will have plenty of opportunities to practise their spellings during soft starts each morning. In addition to completing the spelling activities in school, the children are expected to practise their spellings (including learning their meanings) at home. The children also need to be practising the statutory 100 spellings for Year 5 and 6.

Maths homework will be sent out every Monday to be handed in on the following Friday.

Geography: This term, our topic is South America! We will begin by learning the countries that make up the continent. We will be studying the physical and human geography of South America. We will research and learn about South America's physical and human geography whilst learning about the significant historical events of the continent. Within lessons, we will consider issues surrounding the Amazon River and Rainforest, we will be making comparisons between different areas within South America and studying the differences between the UK.

ICT: Children will learn about the importance of e-Safety and how to communicate appropriately and responsibly with others. The children will be designing and creating their own games using Scratch in pairs. The children have already begun thinking about their projects and we are excited to carry on developing our games. We are then moving onto code cracking and cryptography.

French: This year, after recapping on areas covered to date, the focus will be on : holiday, eating out, hobbies and seasons .

RE: Signs and symbols: We will be exploring the religions of Christianity and Judaism this term. We encourage the children to realise that there are many different forms of worship in the world and the key is to understand and respect each one.