

Year 5 – Spring 1

Writing:

In writing, the children will continue to explore the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. This fiction unit will aim to develop the children's descriptive story writing skills.

Guided Reading:

In reading, our class story is The White Giraffe by Lauren St. John. We will be collecting new vocabulary and carrying out daily reading activities based on this book.

Spelling:

Children will continue to use the RWI spelling book scheme. Spellings will be given each week to practice at home.

PSHE: The focus is on health and wellbeing and includes learning about protecting ourselves in the sun, understanding the relationship between stress and relaxation, the importance of good quality sleep, planning healthy meals and taking responsibility for our own feelings.

Geography:

We will be learning about volcanoes through studying the island of Hiemaey in Iceland. We will learn how volcanoes form and how they affect the local area, including aspects of both physical and human geography.

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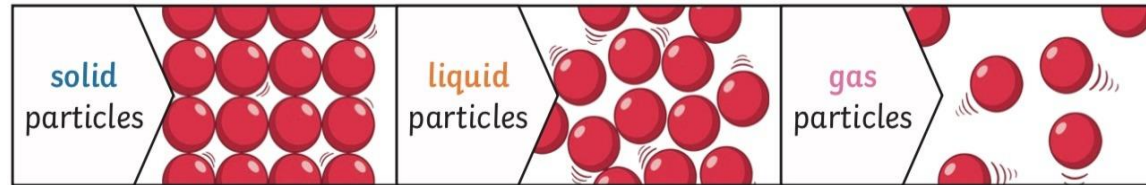


Computing:

We will start using micro:bits to investigate selection in physical computing.

RE:

In R.E this half term we will be focusing on Humanism. We will look at some of the core values that motivate some Humanists, and how Humanists put their beliefs and values into practice.



Science:

We will be looking at ways to group materials, for example as solids, liquids and gases. We will compare and group objects according to their physical properties and uses. We will continue to practise fair testing methods in our investigations. We will also be looking at thermal insulators and conductors.



Maths:

We will begin with a focus on fractions, for which the children will need to be fluent with times table facts. We will use images and models to represent fractions in different ways.

MyMaths homework will continue to be set every week.



Music:

Children will learn 'Shosholoza', a traditional South African song, play the accompanying chords using tuned percussion and learn to play the djembe. They will also learn a traditional West African drum and add some dance moves.

French:

Building on their learning from previous years, the children will start by reinforcing their knowledge about nouns as well as learning adjectives and parts of the body.

Design and Technology:

We will be working with textiles, using blanket stitch to create a soft toy. There will be an opportunity to come into school to help your child complete their toy!



PE:

PE will take place on Monday (Orcas) or Tuesday (Turtles) and every other Friday for both classes. Monday/Tuesday will be indoor PE and Friday outdoor. In indoor PE our focus will be on problem solving.

Outdoor PE will be handball.

Please make sure that your child comes to school in their full Curledge Street PE kit on those days.

