

**Maths**

In using and applying we will be using our knowledge of shape, measures, data handling and calculation strategies to solve challenges based on topics: New Year, Big Freeze and Harry Potter

Strategy groups will focus on working on their own targets to consolidate and learn new skills and strategies.

In outdoor maths we will revise knowledge of shapes, division tables, measure and probability. We will also be reading and interpreting data using our school weather station.

**English**

Fiction: We will be using the animation 'The Piano' to write a narrative of the film. Pupils will use their writing skills to express emotion and write for impact.

Non-fiction: Pupils will explore journalistic writing and will write newspaper reports based on events in well-known nursery rhymes. Children will also explore persuasive writing techniques and write letters on various topics.

Poetry: Pupils will perform and watch a range of performance poetry and consider how voices and action can impact the listener

**This term's topic focus is Active planet.**

In this unit pupils will learn about mountain environments - how they are formed, where they are located, the plants and animals that thrive there and how humans interact with them. We will also look at earthquakes and volcanoes and the impacts these can have.

**ICT**

Pupils will have the opportunity to create their own animations using different stop-motion programs.

**Science**

**Year 4** will be learning about sound and states of matter.

**Year 5** will be learning about properties and changes in materials and living things and their habitats.

**RE**

Pupils will be learning about the golden rule; the impact it has on their own lives and the lives of others.

**PHSCE**

Pupils will be thinking about British Values including tolerance, mutual respect, the rule of law and democracy.

## **Music**

Pupils will be focusing on African Drums where they will gain skills in rhythm, timing, and tempo as well as learning about notation.

## **French**

This term our topic is Town and Country where pupils will be expanding and practising vocabulary so they can talk about where they live, different shops and what they sell and practise giving and following directions.

## **PE**

Pupils will be focusing on key fundamental skills for agility, balance and coordination and will learn to perform these with accuracy, consistency and control. They will have the opportunity to develop batting and catching skills through cricket and rounder's and speed and stamina through athletics.

## **Other information**

- PE kit needed on Monday and Tuesday (year 5)
- Swimming - Tuesday (year 4)
- Library books - Friday
- Homework will be given out on Fridays and aimed to be returned by Wednesday.

## **How can I help at home?**

Encourage your child to **read regularly** and talk about the books they are reading.

In the notes section of their planner are passwords for **IXL** and **MyMaths** which you can access at home. These sites have results sections so you can see how well your child is doing practising their Maths and English skills.

Spelling age appropriate words correctly has been given much more importance in end of key stage tests. The key words for your child's year group are on **pages 94 and 95** of their planner. They are also on the school website.

In addition, any time spent practising times tables would benefit your child as accurately recalling these facts at speed increases the accuracy and speed at which they can solve many calculations and reasoning problems. They should know all tables to 12 X 12 by the end of year 4.