



Spring Term 1

English

This half term we will be reading *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgwick and *The Boy At The Back Of The Class* by Onjali Q Raúf. We will also be reading a range of non-fiction. Children will be writing news reports, letters and stories. The children will continue to develop a more fluent style of joined handwriting. They will become increasingly aware of the difference between formal and informal styles of writing.

Maths

Our main focus this half term is fractions. Children will find equivalent fractions, order and compare fractions, add fractions and subtract fractions. The unit ends with children multiplying whole numbers and proper fractions. Knowledge of all times tables facts is essential for this. By the end of the half term, we will begin to learn about decimal numbers.

Science

This half term's topic is Earth & Space. Children will begin by identifying the planets of our Solar System and their positions relative to one another. They will also learn how we get day and night and about the different phases of the Moon.

We will also be learning:

Geography

We will be learning about the importance of oceans to life on Earth and the negative impact human activity can have on them.

Music

The children's learning will be based around Romanticism in the nineteenth century, evaluating the work of composers from this time.

Computing

The children will be learning how to use Scratch to develop soundtracks.

P.E.

This half term, children will be developing their skills in gymnastics and dodgeball.

PSHE

Our focus this half term will be on safety and the changing body. We will begin by learning about staying safe online. Later in the half term our focus will shift to the changes they can expect during puberty.

French

Children will be learning about food and drink, including how to place an order when visiting a café.

Design & Technology

This half term, children will be exploring designs for making soft toys. They will then create their own toy using sewing skills to join materials together.

R.E.

Children will discover more about Judaism. The main focus will be understanding why the Torah is of such importance to Jewish people.

School Day:

- 8:40 – 3:15

Uniform:

- Holdbrook school sweatshirt
- Plain grey or black trousers, skirt or shorts
- Plain black shoes or trainers

PE Days:

- MONDAY
- WEDNESDAY

HOMEWORK:

- Read every night for at least 15 minutes
- Complete Lexia units
- Learn their Year 5 glossaries
- Learn the Year 5/6 statutory spelling list (copies are in their glossaries)
- Practise all times tables using TT Rockstars
- Develop mental maths skills using Numbots

Staff:

- Mrs Downey
- Mrs Ramthor

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The right to Learn, Respect & Feel Safe.