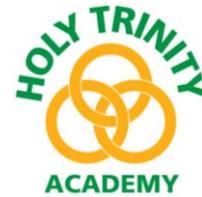


Holy Trinity Church of England School, Calne



Class Y5
Term 1

Art - Mountain/landscape art

- In art this term we will be looking at mountain/landscape art which is directly linked to our geography topic this term.
- There is a focus on Ted Harrison's colourful depictions of North West Canada. We will be analysing this, and the children will use it to inspire their own piece of art.
- We will be experimenting with different effects and textures, as well as practising using different brush strokes to create a desired effect.



Music

- Music will be taught by Mr Seaborne every Monday.
- The children will be exploring pulse, rhythm, note values and ostinato patterns.
- They will also be enjoying singing a variety of songs and rounds.



Physical Education

- **Swimming** - The children will continue swimming on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00: 2.30. Please make sure that they have their swimming kits with them for this.
- **Netball** - Every Friday we will be learning to play netball. This will include learning the different passes, understanding the rules of footwork and contact, and learning how to attack and defend in a game. Please make sure your child has their P.E kit in school.



Science

- This term, science will be taught every Monday by Mr Seaborne.
- The children will describe the shapes and relative movements of the Sun, Moon, Earth and other planets in the Solar System.
- They will also be creating sundials and shadow clocks to explore ideas of day and night.

Welcome to Year 5. 😊 In this letter you will find useful information about our exciting first term.

Homework will be given out on a Friday each week and all children will need to have completed and handed it in by the following Wednesday.

Please ensure your child has their swimming kit on a Wednesday, and their P.E kit in every Friday.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to come in and see me. I am really looking forward to getting to know both you and the children over the coming year!

Geography

- In Geography this term our topic is mountains.
- Will begin by looking at what the key features of a mountain are, and how they are formed.
- We will use maps to identify and locate the largest ranges in the world and the countries that they cover.
- We will then be learning lots about the climate, vegetation and animal and plant species on a mountain.
- We will also research and make notes about famous mountain expeditions.

Literacy

We are starting this term by reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S Lewis. This forms a focus for our literacy lessons and we will be planning our ideas to shape settings and characters. In these lessons we will have a focus on:

- Expanded noun phrases
- Using action openers and other interesting ways to start a sentence
- Using semi colons
- Creating tension and suspense
- Relative clauses



Towards the end of the term we will be focusing on autobiographies/biographies. We will then begin to read 'Boy' by Roald Dahl as our new class reader.

Each week we will work on the year 5/6 statutory spellings, as well as spelling rules and patterns.

Mr Seaborne will teach literacy every Monday. In these lessons the children will be exploring a range of observational poetry and poetic techniques and features.

Reading

- We will be having a daily guided reading session. Each child will be heard once a week and will have to complete a series of comprehension questions.
- **Please continue listening to children at home. It has a huge impact on a child's developing vocabulary.**

PSHE

- This term we will be establishing ground rules. The focus is on developing a deeper understanding of personal responsibility for behaviour and how rules help us to work with others.

French

- In French we will start the term by learning colours and the names of different body parts.

Religious Education

- During this term the children will be exploring Hinduism with the focus on how a Hindu shows their commitment to God.
- This also includes investigating how a Hindu follows Dharma, and whether a pilgrimage shows commitment to their faith.
- The children will conclude the topic by writing their own 'stilling' exercise on the theme of being peaceful.

Numeracy

- We will begin the term with key concepts such as place value before moving the children on to work with every increasing numbers in the four operations.
- Children will use place value knowledge to multiply and divide by powers of 10.
- We will be looking at decimal numbers - ordering and comparing them; adding and subtracting them.
- Children will begin to be more accurate with their estimating, securing an understanding of rounding
- We will look at common multiples and use this knowledge to help use begin to compare fractions.
- With Mr Seaborne on a Monday, the children will be learning measures and Data Handling including a range of metric and imperial measures, temperature and negative numbers.

Information Technology

- At the start of the term the children will begin learning all about the vital subject of E safety. This includes a focus on privacy settings online and knowing which resources are safe to download and use.
- We will then begin a detailed study of computer programming, looking at sound as our focus. The children will learn how to use a variable to increase programming possibilities, how to use logical reasoning to detect and debug mistakes, and how to select and combine the appropriate technology tools.

