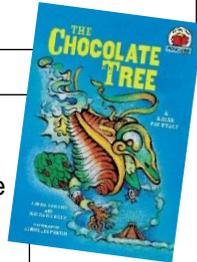


Literacy –

To begin our term, we will read the Maya myth 'The Chocolate Tree', to link with our Fairtrade topic. The children will look at re-writing myths, describing the characters of Kukulkan and Night Jaguar, and then write a persuasive speech to the gods! This then leads into our persuasive letter writing unit, encouraging companies to become Fairtrade.

After half term, we will learn to write explanation texts and focus on the journey from bean to bar! During these topics, children will learn to evaluate and edit their own and others' writing, identify the audience and purpose of writing and selecting the appropriate form. They will continue to learn and use a range of punctuation in their writing: brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis; semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between clauses and colons to introduce lists. We will continue to focus on using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs and constantly look at using dictionaries, thesauruses and 'magpies' of others' work to improve our own.

Each week, we will work on the Year 5/6 statutory spellings, as well as spelling rules and patterns. The children have all done so well with the Autumn spellings! Please continue to practise this at home with the Spring words and their weekly spelling words.



Science –

This term we are looking at Forces including gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will be conducting experiments and learning to record them accurately, controlling variables, making predictions and drawing conclusions.



Music –

We are going to feel the love of music by learning and playing a pop ballad by Adele: Make You Feel My Love.

The class will learn an integrated approach to music where games, elements of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked.

Happy New Year! Welcome to Term 3.

I hope you all managed to have a magical Christmas!

In this topic letter, you will find all the information you need to know about our learning this term.

Homework will continue to be handed out on a Friday and will be due the following Thursday. This will always be a relevant piece of work to our learning, our weekly spellings to practise and for a child to be heard read weekly (3x if possible).

Mr Seaborne will continue to teach the children all day on Monday. They will learn maths, reading comprehension, Science and ICT during this time.

If you have any questions about your child's wellbeing or their progress, please do not hesitate to contact me – although this can be difficult in these times, I am always happy to have a phone call or an email conversation.

Miss Moore 😊

PE – Wednesday Swimming, PE Thursday. Term 3

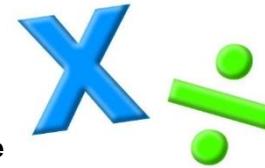
Yoga – Year 5 will learn about mindfulness and body awareness. They learn yoga poses and techniques that will help them to connect their mind and body. We will look to improve wellbeing by building strength, flexibility and balance. The learning includes breathing and meditation taught through fun and engaging activities!

Swimming – Swimming Will continue until Easter on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30.

Term 4

Netball – The children will develop defending and attacking play during even-sided 5-a-side netball and learn to use a range of different passes to keep possession and attack towards a goal.

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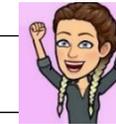
Numeracy –

We will begin the term with learning our new division method: chunking. The children will also have lots of practise applying this and other operations to reasoning questions.

We then will learn more about fractions and decimals: ordering them, finding fractions of amounts, multiplying fractions, rounding decimals and learning fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents.

The children will also learn units on shape. Including learning the properties of 2d and 3d shapes, reflecting and translating shapes and plotting co-ordinates of shapes.

Times Tables are still a big focus in Year 5. Daily practise for a few minutes on Times Table Rockstar really improves speed and accuracy. To become a Rockstar means that a child has mastered their times tables!



Reading

We are very excited to begin our new class novel, Wonder by R.J Palacio. If your child has a copy, it would be brilliant to bring it in to read along in our daily story time! Each child will continue to be heard once a week and will also have a session complete a series of comprehension questions.

Thank you for your support in listening to your children read at home. This really helps to increase their vocabulary and help to foster their love of reading! We have a class of reading enthusiasts, which is amazing! Please find a list of recommended reads for children on our website.

DT and art –

Children will study the art and life of the abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky! They will look at how he uses squares with concentric rings to create art, in order to create their own piece. Their finished artwork will be in the shape of a cocoa bean (relating to our topic of the term – Fairtrade) created using oil pastels.

In Term 4, we will continue our Fairtrade link in DT by designing, creating, and even tasting our very own cereal bars! We will look into the packaging, healthy and Fairtrade ingredients, and focus on our target audience.



Religious Education –

Our topic this term is Hindu beliefs: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? The children will learn to understand that Hindus believe in a universal soul called Brahman, which the Trimurti represents, and the story of Ganesha.

After half term, the children will be learning about Salvation in Christianity: What did Jesus do to save human beings? What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?



PSHE-

This unit gives pupils the opportunity to explore choices that need to be made regarding money. We will explore the concepts of saving, budgeting and earning money. Lots of class discussions will also focus around our class book, Wonder, with the themes of loving and accepting who we are and always showing acceptance and kindness to others.

Next term, the children will learn to understand the changes that occur to humans as we get older and ways to deal with embarrassment. This also includes parenting and personal hygiene.

Information technology –

This term we will be looking at Vector Drawing. We will be learning about the drawing tools and creating images using a variety of techniques such as resizing, rotating, layering and grouping objects.

Geography Topic –

Our new, exciting topic this term is Fairtrade! The children will begin by learning what Fairtrade is, to locate Fairtrade countries and rivers nearby, and how it helps the people who live there.

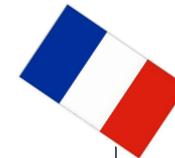
We will also delve deeper into what the Silk Road is and what it is famous for, looking at the famous explorer Marco Polo. Children will then learn all about UK exports and imports.

Lots of our literacy unit will focus on this topic, and we will finish by writing a persuasive letter to a company not yet registered as Fairtrade.

Once finished, the children will learn all about the journey of chocolate bean to bar and write an explanation text about this.

Strong people
don't put others
down. They lift
them up.

—Michael P. Watson



French –

We will continue with our descriptions of ourselves, leading into descriptions of others in our French learning this term.

The children will then learn animals in French and begin to describe these too. After half term, the children will be responding to stories, and learning to order some lovely French cuisine in a restaurant!