

# Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 - 2024

Our theme for Autumn 2 is:

## Narnia

Our main focuses are:

- To discover the different ways some plants and animals reproduce.
- To explore the different type of life cycles of plants and animals and describe life processes.
- To use different types of sketching techniques to produce a piece of art work from a photograph that we have taken.
- To create a 3D structure and evaluate our designs and models.
- To have experience using a green screen, understand what it is used for and how it is used in cinema/film. We will film our own Narnia experience with a special visitor!

Our theme will last for:

8 weeks

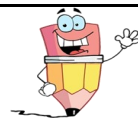
French

This half term, we will be learning about animals. By the end of the half term, we will be able to say if we have or do not have a particular pet. We will also be able to ask questions about pets and learn about some masculine and feminine words.



English:

The novel that we will be basing all of this half term's learning around is 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis.

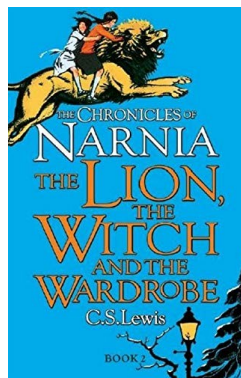


The main focus of our learning this half term will be identifying themes within the book and looking at trustworthy characters. We will also be looking at setting and character descriptions to really unpick the magical world of Narnia and immerse ourselves in a new world. To really get our brains ticking, we will be writing letters as characters in the book when they face moral dilemmas.

We will also explore the poem 'The Lion and The Mouse' by Jeffreys Taylor and practise reading it confidently. We will unpick the meaning behind it and write our own.

We will also be really focussing on improving our grammar to become truly outstanding writers.

During our reading lessons, we will be focusing on inference, comprehension and predicting using information that is stated or implied.



Mathematics:

This half term will be focusing on arithmetic, investigations and shape. Throughout the half term, we will be exploring:

- Mental calculations for arithmetic
- Multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals
- Measuring, estimating and comparing angles
- Identifying the properties of shapes



If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really beneficial if you could practise mental maths strategies — why not have a go at adding up the door numbers on the journey to school or trying to order the numbers that appear on car registration plates! Remember, Maths is everywhere and our calculation policy is on the school's website if you would like to see the calculations strategies we teach.



Computing

This half term we will be focusing on coding. We will be designing algorithms that use repeats and variables and using logical thinking, imagination and creativity to create a game.

Music

In Music, we will be using recorders to keep to the beat and pulse of a piece of music. We will also have a focus on singing and remembering parts of different songs. We will be exploring the question: How does music connect us with our past?



R.E.

We will be exploring Islam this half term by learning more about Muslims, their beliefs and how they express their faith. We will learn about some celebrations such as Eid as well as the meaning of Ramadan.

Personal, Social, Health and Education (P.S.H.E.)

What affects my mental wellbeing? We will be thinking about what positively and negatively affects our physical, mental and emotional health. We will also be talking about what it means to be a critical consumer and the role of money in our lives.

We will also continue with our 'No Outsiders' scheme. We will study one book, with a focus on considering consequences and justifying actions. This half term we will be reading 'Rose Blanche' by Ian McEwan.

Behaviour and Safety

What is bullying? What is the impact of bullying and the role of a bystander. This half term's British Values focus is Mutual Respect.



Art and Design Technology

During this topic, we will be looking at animals in their natural habitat and studying the beautiful wildlife photography of Ron McCombe. We will step into his shoes and develop our own photography skills to capture the beauty of our local environment. We will also be having an exciting D.T. week during this half term! We will be creating a sledge for the White Witch. Make sure to keep an eye out on Seesaw!

Science

We will be studying and describing the differences between the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. In addition, we shall discover how some plants and animals ensure the survival of their species and the impact changes in their environment have on them.



P.E.

For P.E. this half term, we will be developing our competitive spirit through hockey. Please ensure that you bring in your P.E. kit and water bottle. **Our P.E. day is Thursday. Please ensure that your child's P.E. kit is appropriate for inside and outside.** Jewellery must be removed for P.E. sessions.



Swimming dates:

Hawks & Ospreys: 9th September - 11th November (every Monday)  
Eagles & Owls: 18th November - 3rd February (no Mon 23rd, 30th Dec or 6th Jan due to Christmas).

Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes, as a minimum everyday. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our vocabulary and spellings that we will be practising and looking at over the half term will be shared via Seesaw and these can be discussed, practised and looked at whilst at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of these words and see if they can put them in to a sentence! An optional Maths and English home will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers.

Key Dates:

W/C 28th October - Black History Week  
W/C 4th November - Maths Investigation Week  
4th November - Wondernoon  
W/C 11th November - Anti-Bullying Week  
12th & 14th November - Parents' and Carer's Evening  
15th November - Mental Health Workshop/ Children in Need  
W/C 18th November - Design and Technology Week

28th November - R.E. Day  
3rd & 5th December - Adam Pepper Narnia Workshop  
6th December - ARH Spelling Bee  
W/C 9th December - Hour of Code Week  
20th December - Last Day of Autumn 2

