

Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 - 2022

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 a range of strategies to investigate our local area and the habitats we find within it
- To use different digital technologies to present our findings
- To delve into the history of cinema and discover how different inventions have shaped the way we live



Our theme will last for:
8 weeks

French

This half term, we will be learning about habitats. By the end of the half term, we will be able to identify and name different habitats and discuss which animals live there. We will also be able to describe different habitats.

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 looking at the song 'Livin' on a Prayer' We will look at the dimensions of music (pitch, rhythm, pitch) and using singing and instruments to improvise and compose with this song.



P.E.

For P.E. this half term, we will be developing our competitive spirit through basketball. 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 being outside.



Swimming will continue for Ospreys and Owls with the last session on 21st November. Hawks and Eagles will then swim from 28th November.

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.

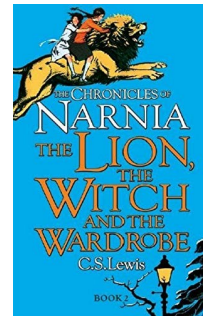


The main focus of our learning this half term will be identifying themes within the book and looking at trustworthy characters. We will also be looking at setting descriptions to really unpick the magical world of Narnia and immerse ourselves in a new world. To really get our brains ticking, we will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

At the end of the half term, once we have read all of the book, we will be writing a comparison between the novel and the film version of the story. We will also be practising the power of persuasion by writing a review of the film to convince others to go and see it.

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.



R.E.

We will be exploring Islam - looking at the Five Pillars of Islam and Mosques. In detail, we will be learning at Id-UI-Adha and the Prophet Muhammad.

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.

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.



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 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.B 24th October - Black History Week
W.B 31st October - Maths Investigation Week
1st and 3rd November - Parents and Carers' Evening
W.B 7th November - D&T Week
W.B 14th November - Anti-bullying Week
18th November - Children in Need
W.B 5th December - Hour of Code Week
12th and 13th December - Narnia Workshop

Mathematics:

This half term will focusing on arithmetic, measures 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
- Calculating perimeter, area and volume 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!



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.

