

Our theme for Autumn 2 is:

Narnia

Our main focuses are:

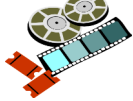
- To discover the different ways some plants and animals reproduce.
- To explore the different type of life cycles of plants and animals and describe life processes.
- To use different types of sketching techniques to produce a piece of art work from a photograph that we have taken.
- To create a 3D structure (a witch's sledge) 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.



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'll be rocking out to Bon Jovi's 'Livin' on a Prayer! We'll be listening to, improvising, singing, playing, and even composing parts of the song using our recorders.



P.E.

For P.E., 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 Friday. Please ensure that your child's P.E. kit is appropriate for inside and outside.** Jewellery must be removed for PE sessions.

Swimming dates:

5BO (Hawks) and 5JB (Eagles): Last session is Monday 10th November. 5SG (Ospreys) and 5LSC/HE (Owls) commences on Monday 17th November with the last session being Monday 2nd February.



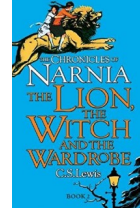
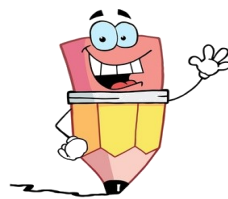
English:

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 learning how to use commas correctly, focusing on contractions and possession. We will also explore how to use past and present tense accurately to make our writing clear and engaging. In addition, we will be exploring setting and character descriptions to really unpick the magical world of Narnia and immerse ourselves in a new world. We will learn how to use fronted adverbials to explain how, when, or where something happens in our writing, remembering to use a comma after them. To really get our brains ticking, we will be writing a balanced argument when the characters face moral dilemmas.

We will also explore the poem 'The Lion and The Mouse' by Jeffreys Taylor and will practice reading it confidently. We will unpick the meaning behind it and expand our vocabulary.

During our reading lessons, we will be focusing on exploring the meaning of words, looking at how a text is structured and checking that what we read makes sense!



Mathematics:

This half term, we will be focusing on arithmetic, angles 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 perimeter 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 which can show you how we do our written methods!



R.E.

We will explore Islam, Sikhism, and Humanism, learning about their worldviews, ceremonies, clothing, and symbols. We will also discuss the meanings of the words "sacred" and "holy" in each tradition and explore the promises made by followers in their respective beliefs.

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 in our School' scheme. We will study one book (Rose Blanche by Ian McEwan and Roberto Innocenti) with a focus on considering consequences and justifying actions.



Behaviour and Safety

We will consider: What is bullying? What the impact of bullying is 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 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 27th October- Black History Week
31st October- Wondernoon
W/C 10th November- Anti-Bullying Week
11th & 13th November- Parents' Evening
14th November- Children in Need
28th November- Staff INSET Day (no school)
W/C 8th December- Design and Technology Week

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 as we would love to show them to you!



Science

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

2nd & 4th- Adam Pepper Narnia Workshop
3rd December- Christmas Fayre
12th December- Spelling Bee
19th December- Last day of Autumn term

