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YEAR 5 – Term 2

English

In English this term, Year 5 will begin with a narrative set in the Amazon rainforest. Children will be building what they already know and have learned with setting description whilst applying new, year 5 grammar. After this, the children will be writing a diary inspired by our class text 'Wonder'.

This term in reading, our core reading text is 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio. We will focus on developing children's fluency and accuracy in reading, which will support their ability to answer comprehension questions. These questions will cover key skills such as retrieval, inference, summarising, explaining and sequencing.

Maths

In Maths this term, Year 5 will develop their knowledge and understanding of fractions by finding equivalent fractions, ordering and comparing fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, and converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. Next, we will focus on multiplication and division in which children will use the column method to multiply whole numbers and short division to divide whole numbers.

Science

This term, our Science focus is 'Space', in which children will learn about our Solar System. They will create models of the Solar System and how the Moon orbits the Earth, which then orbits the Sun. Children will also work on some scientific skills including, taking measurements, recording data, and drawing conclusions.

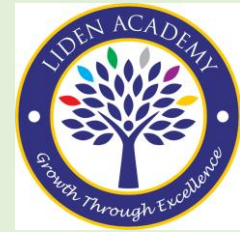
Geography

This term in Geography, Year 5 will dive into an in-depth study of the Amazon Rainforest. They'll explore its unique climate, the distinct layers of the forest, the diverse wildlife, and the lives of indigenous communities. Additionally, they'll learn about the rainforest's vital importance to our planet and the various threats it currently faces.



Computing

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Children will learn how to create short videos by working in groups. As they progress through this unit, they will be exposed to topic-based language and develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video. Children are guided with step-by-step support to take their idea from conception to completion. At the conclusion of the unit, children will have the opportunity to reflect on and assess their progress in creating a video.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

This term in PSHE, our theme is "Celebrating Difference." The children will explore and appreciate diverse cultures from around the world while also addressing important topics such as racism, name-calling, types of bullying, and the impact of rumours. They'll also discuss the question, "Does money matter?" fostering critical thinking about values and equality.

Design and Technology

This term in DT, Year 5 will dive into the world of mechanical systems by exploring automata toys. They'll investigate how these toys move, experiment with cams, and then design, build, and evaluate their very own automata creations.

Music

This term, Year 5 will delve into South African music, exploring its evolution over time and its ability to tell stories. The children will then engage in singing, playing, and performing a South African song.

Religious Education (R.E.)

In Term 2, Year 5 will be studying the key question, 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' Children will learn about the key features of purpose-built mosques, the Five Pillars of Islam, and the importance of Zakah (charity) and Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca).

French

In French, Year 5 will be learning new vocabulary based around the topic of 'dates'. They will learn the days of the week, months of the year, and numbers to 31. They will then use this knowledge to answer the questions, 'what is the date today?' and 'when is your birthday?' in French.

Physical Education (P.E.)

In Term 2, Year 5 will be focussing on gymnastics. They will practise a range of core skills before applying these to create a routine.

Important information

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This term our PE slot will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Children should attend school in their P.E. kit on these days.

Homework will be sent home on Friday (Spellings and Maths) and is due the following Friday. We will be testing children on their spellings each Friday.

Miss Whitehead and Mrs Austin

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