Year 5 and Six - What are we learning this half term?

English Mastery

Throughout the whole of the spring term, we will study The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, by Nizrana Farook. We will write an adventure narrative, involving a chase scene, which incorporates a flashback, inspired by the opening of the book. As we are studying the continent of Asia in geography, links have been made between English and geography lessons in terms of the story setting (Sri Lanka) and some of the physical features and climate of this region in south-central Asia



We will continue to focus on relative clauses to embed extra information in our grammar lessons.

Mathematics

In math's this term will be investigating Children will begin the term by developing understanding of integers up to ten million. Children will learn how to read, write and say large integers they will also apply their understanding of numbers up to ten million by comparing and ordering large integers. Children will then become familiar with strategies for rounding integers to the nearest multiple of different powers of 10.

We will then move on to multiplication and division.

Wider curriculum

In geography children will learn about human and physical geography by studying mountains, earthquakes, and volcanoes through the continent of Asia. We will start by looking at the physical geography of Asia as a whole exploring the different types of land and climate across Asia. We will then look at natural disasters and how do they impact the lives of people living in Asia.

In science we will be investigating materials and their properties, and then look into properties of conductivity and magnetism. We will investigate corrosion and neutralisation, acids and bases and how the pH scale can be used to distinguish between these.

Reading for pleasure

Our end of day story is 'Tyger'- by SF Said.
'A masterpiece of a story. Perfect distilled, brilliance. I love that the writing explores ideas of spirituality and community through story, and through the tyger teaching two children about the wonders of the universe, nature, and relationships... it is a book with great hope and a joy for life!'





Activities to do at home

Complete the activities sent home in the discovery box – this will aid children's progression in the geography topic. Continue to read with your child and check their understanding of the story.

Spellings will be sent home weekly (they will also be on dojo) for children to practice for their weekly test.

<u>Other information</u>

Y6 Crucial crew visit October.

Religious Education

This term in RE children will be focussing on Creation and Covenant. Children will learn about Moses, focusing on two critical events in his life. We will recognise that the Ten Commandments speak to us today, children will reflect on the context in which they appear in the Bible.

Children will continue to plan and lead their own collective worships. Children will plan ways to gather, choose appropiate scripture, respond to the word and daily Catholic mission statements. They will then lead collective worships to a different class.

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