

English

In English, we will continue to work on the following books: **Year 3 and 4** is 'The King of the Cloud Forests', a classic Michael Morpurgo about a young boy embarking on an unexpected adventure. **Year 5 and 6** will work through 'Howl's Moving Castle', by Diana Wynne Jones, a fantasy tale about a young woman on a quest to find her fate.

Throughout the half term, we will develop our comprehension skills daily through guided reading using the Schofield&Sims scheme, as well as the reading of our chosen class book(s) to support our writing. This half term will see us cover the following genres: descriptive writing, an advertisement, diary writing, a leaflet and a newspaper report. We always endeavour to build in cross-curricular links with History, Geography, D&T and PSHE through our writing. The children now also complete a 15-minute activity on a morning which supports grammar knowledge.

Art and D&T:

This half term we will look closely at the work of many portrait artists, including Vincent van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, Leonardo de Vinci and Royal Portraits.

We are honoured that the children have been able to create and present art to the Royal family upon the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

PSHE:

We will now continue with lessons from SCARF: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, and Friendship.

This first half term will focus on the topic 'Me and My Relationships'.

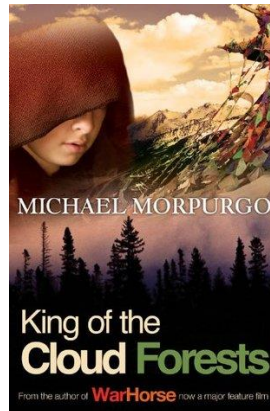
Science: Light!

Our topic this half term is 'Light' for Year 3&4, and 'Plants' for Year 5&6. We cannot wait for these topics, which will require lots of investigations and planning of experiments!

Computing: We are developing our computing skills with a focus of 'Connecting Computers' in Y3/4 and 'Sharing Information' in Y5/6. Every half term sees Online Safety taught throughout the school.

Music: Excitingly, Y3/4 are learning about traditional instruments and improvisation with a focus on India, whilst Y5/6 will learn about Film Music.

Adventurers and Investigators



Reminders:

PE takes place on a Tuesday afternoon.

We have many exciting trips in the pipeline, including Pond Dipping and a history related trip- Keep your eyes peeled for future school Newsletters for further information!

Maths

We will continue to start our maths lessons with 10 differentiated arithmetic questions each day to build upon prior knowledge. These are marked with the children to address misconceptions and children have the opportunity to access challenges here.

Year 3 and 4: We will be focusing this half term on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction.

Year 5 and 6: We will be focusing this half term on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and the Four Operations.

We ask that all children continue to consistently revise and practise their number bonds and times tables to prepare and reinforce their knowledge in many areas of Maths.

History and Geography

Our Topic for the term is 'Kings and Queens'. This feels very relevant with our current change in Monarch!

This topic will span over the whole of the Autumn term, up until Christmas, and we will be studying Kings and Queens from the Norman Conquest through to Queen Victoria.

This half term we will initially be learning about William the Conqueror, discovering what kind of ruler he was and how it would have been to live in Norman Britain during his reign. We will then move on chronologically to study King John and the creation of the Magna Carta.

RE: This half term we are taking a deep dive in to the Big Frieze, a concept used in our Understanding Christianity programme. The children will think deeply about the different areas of the Bible whilst working towards creating our own artwork to represent Christianity.

We partake in daily Collective Worships around our school value '**Thankfulness**'; we also enjoy singing and seeing our Collective Worship Team lead worships.

French

Nous apprenons 'Vive Le Sport'.