



Welcome Back!

Year 5 - Autumn 2

Assembly Themes

November – Equality (unity)

December – Honesty



English

We will start this half term looking at how to write a Biography, using the Biography of Cleopatra as a guide to help us write about Tutankhamun, Howard Carter and Hatshepsut. Leading up to Christmas, we will then be busy writing a narrative story based on Raymond Brigg's 'The Snowman'.

Reading: We will be using a range of other texts to:

- Develop retrieval skills (identifying the key information in a text.)
- Develop inference skills (reading between the lines)

History

In History this half term we will begin thinking about the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians We will be learning about When Ancient Egypt was and how long it existed. Why the Nile was important to the creation of the Egyptian civilisation and how agricultural advances supported them.

Why the role of scribe and the afterlife were so important in Egyptian society as well as about where the mummified bodies were placed.

Science

We will be investigating different forces allowing children the opportunity to explore: Why is the force of gravity important, how are different objects affected by air resistance, how levers, pulleys and gears work and how ground friction affects objects.

Music

We will be learning about 'Blues' music, including the history of Blues music, playing a chord, the 12-bar blues, blues scale and finally improvisation and the Blues.

ART

Our focus will be on Colour, The form of Art will be studying is: Painting. The medium we will be using will be mixed media. We will do all of this by studying a variety of artists looking at colour theory, mood and feeling.

PE

5A and 5H will continue to have PE on a Tuesday, 5M will continue to swim on a Monday until 4th December. On 11th December, 5A will start swimming. 5M and 5H will then have PE on Tuesday afternoons. All children should come to school in their PE kits on Tuesdays (white top. black shorts/jogging bottoms). Please ensure no jewellery is worn on PE days.

Computing

Our focus is Coding where we will investigate what coding is, create our own programs and learn how to change and execute them.

French

In French, we are learning about our school day, subjects, times of the day and the equipment we use.

The staff in Year 5 this year are:

Mr McLagan, Mrs Hill & Mrs Walker, Mrs Pedley & Mrs Reece
Miss Shackell is Year 5/6 Phase Leader.

Any member of the team is happy to speak to you, if you have a query or you can email year5@queen-vic.dudley.sch.uk

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on Number and Fractions. Children will learn the skills of:

- Number: Multiplication and Division, focusing on formal written methods, identify multiples and factors, and common factors of two numbers, prime numbers, prime factors and composite (non-prime) numbers, square and cubed numbers.
- Fractions: Comparing and ordering fractions adding and subtracting fractions with the same and then different denominators.

RE

This half term the children will be focusing on the question 'What can we learn from religious texts?' Children will make links between religious stories and look at the use of prayers in different religions.

PSHE

Our focus will be on 'Celebrating Differences between different cultures. We will discuss how differences can sometimes cause conflict but how all differences should be respected. We will also develop a range of strategies in managing feelings and responses linked to bullying.

DT

We will be investigating and making frame structures. We will be learning to use tools appropriately as well as creating designs, making structures and evaluating its effectiveness.

Homework

- Read regularly at home and record this in your child's Reading Record.
- Practice spellings
- Practice all multiplication tables.
- Children will be given four areas to complete for their homework, they will be expected to complete all areas over a two-week period.