



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below a brief summary of the themes that 5M will be studying during Autumn Term 2.

English:

The children will also look at Narrative Poetry. Children will study an older narrative poem (The Highwayman) in detail, looking at different characters from the poem and their motives for their actions. They will engage in drama and discussion and then plan and present an abridged version orally and visually. Children will discuss and reflect on their personal responses to the poems.

Non Fiction – Autobiography and Biography - The children will study various biographical and auto biographical texts and then write their own biographies, they will be asked to bring in photos that we can photo-copy to include in their writing.

Useful websites: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gq6dNQiXYtA>

Mathematics:

Children will work on solving multi-step problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. Calculating the perimeter and area of regular and irregular shapes. Ordering fractions, finding fractions and percentages of whole-number quantities. Reflections and translations and interpreting and reading timetables and other bars and charts.

Useful websites: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/number/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/data/>

Science and Technology:

The Earth and Beyond.

We will study the shapes and relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon, how they move in relation to each other and how these movements relate to night and day.

Useful websites: <http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/profile.cfm?Object=Earth>

Time and Place:

The children will study the First World War. They will learn how the war began, about life in the trenches as well as learning about the major battles throughout the war. Furthermore, the children will look at the role of women during the war and how the *Suffragette* movement changed Britain. During the term, the children will visit The Imperial war museum and experience what *Trench Life* was really like.

Useful websites: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zqhyb9q/resources/1>

Arts and Creativity:

Children will be drawing, painting and sketching portraits of themselves and each other. They will be using their imagination to create portraits of characters from the Shakespeare plays that we are studying. In music they will be learning Christmas carols with Miss Bourne.

Physical and Emotional Health:

Within Dance this term children will be performing contemporary dance with Mrs Lucas. Elsewhere, the children will learn skills for Football, Rugby and Netball.

Ethics and Citizenship:

This term the children will be learning about peer pressure, how it may affect them in day to day life and how to deal with such issues effectively. They will also be thinking about responsibilities they undertake both in and out of school.

Faith and Belief:

The children will study the Christmas Story and how we interpret this in the modern day.

ICT:

The children will work on monitoring environment devices.

Homework:

Children should take their homework book home every day, in it they record their homework and also anything else that they need to remember for the next day. If there is anything that you would like to comment on, please feel free to do so in their diary (This does not include notes about absence or medical appointments etc).

Our Breakfast 'Booster Club' sessions are proving very popular again. If you are not sending your child at the moment we do urge you to reconsider; children who have attended these classes definitely get better SATs results in Year 6. Classes run from Monday – Thursday.

Yours faithfully.

Mr Morgan