



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you had a restful Easter. Please find below details of the work that Yr 5 will be doing during the coming term. This term is particularly exciting because the term will end with an Arts and Culture week. Yr 5 will be studying the culture and customs of India.

Mathematics:

Percentages, including percentage change and equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages. Ratio and proportion. Negative numbers and operations in a context. Place value up to 10,000,000 and rounding numbers to any degree of accuracy.

Fractions and decimals: Fractions of amounts, equivalent fractions and simplifying. Converting between fractions and decimals.

Geometry: measuring and drawing angles using a protractor and solving angle problems using angle facts.

English:

Children will explore the charm and challenge of classic fiction including *A Collection of Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories*. They will write their own Just so stories based on Indian animals. They will also be learning a choral piece-The Tyger by William Blake (5BH) and The Dance of the Peacock (5D) by Vivekananda Jha, to perform on our Arts and Culture presentation evening. Later on in Term 6 children will be writing stories that raise issues and dilemmas in addition to formal letter writing.

Science:

Forces: Children will be able to explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. They will identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces and recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Animals, including humans: They will be describing the changes as humans develop to old age.

Place and Time:

India –Children will learn about geographical (Himalayan Mountains – how are mountains formed, physical features of a mountain including the peak) and historical aspects, culture and customs of India. They will also study a famous figure from Indian Sub-continent.

Rivers: In addition, they will study rivers from source to mouth including some of the important rivers of the world. They will also study erosion, deposition, and geographical features along the river Thames and will visit The River and Rowing Museum in Henley on Wednesday 22nd May 2019.

Faith and Belief:

We will be studying Hinduism. Children will learn about beliefs and moral values and whether religious people live better lives.

Citizenship and Ethics:

Democracy. The children will be learning about the cabinet, how the government is structured and how laws are passed. In the final term we will be looking at long-standing ethical dilemmas and be debating these.

PE:

Children will continue to learn Indian dance cumulating in a performance for Diversity week which is week Beg 20th May 2019. The performance on Thursday 23rd will be outside and as usual we are not requiring children to bring in costume but would like them to wear short black socks and trainers with their black PE kit. The children will also be learning athletics, field and track skills and playing striking and fielding games.

Arts and Creativity:

The children will be perfecting their Indian dance ready for performance as well as learning traditional arts and songs. They will sketch, draw and paint faces of tigers/Peacock based on their class choral piece The Tyger by William Blake/ The Dance of the Peacock and be studying artist Salvador Dali as a surrealist painter. They will be looking at his artistic repertoire that includes sculpture, painting, photography, multimedia work. In Music Children will be listening & appraising -Recognising different musical styles from different times and traditions. They will discuss the dimensions of music (Pulse, rhythm, pitch, dynamics, tempo, texture, structure & timbre). Singing –The children will sing in an ensemble, with increasing confidence, precision and diction, building on understanding of vocal health. Theme: Dancing In The Street. Motown style music from the 80s

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown Mrs Herr and Mrs Din