



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Year 5! Please find below a brief summary of the themes that 5G will be studying during Autumn Term 1.

Language, Oracy and Literacy

The children will continue to develop their writing skills through the continuation of The Big Write, focused grammar and reading comprehension lessons, in addition to daily English lessons. Dramatic Conventions- Twelfth Night and Romeo and Juliet -The children will use drama activities to explore typical characters, setting, events and themes. They will plan and write their own stories linked to themes from the play. The class will visit The Globe Theatre which will include taking part in a Shakespeare workshop led by an actor.

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

Useful website: <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

Mathematics:

Children will spend a large part of the term focussing on the four operations and using these in a context. As well as this, they will look at place value which will include areas such as rounding, negative and square numbers and Roman numerals. Toward the end of the term our attention will switch to Geometry, in particular properties of 2D and 3D shapes and angles facts. We will finish the term looking at Measurement, in particular conversions between different metric units of measurement.

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

Science and Technology:

Separating and Changing Materials – Children will look at a variety of materials this term. In particular, how different materials react when mixed with each other and how we can separate these materials once they have been mixed. The children will also look at changing states and the concepts of reversible and irreversible change.

Useful websites: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zryycdm>

Place and Time:

The children will study the location and origins of the Globe Theatre. They will use Google Earth and maps to locate the theatre in the wider context of London. They will research and find London landmarks that are near the Globe Theatre and will compare the new building to the original.

Useful websites:

<http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/shakespeare-and-the-globe-theatre/3342.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/william_shakespeare/

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

Arts and Creativity:

Sporting figures and autumn hues - Children will be taught sketching and mixing colour in Art. In particular, they will focus on using autumnal colours.

Physical and Emotional Health:

Children will be improving their skills in football and netball with Mr Morgan. Children will be performing contemporary dance, linked to Twelfth Night, with Mrs Lucas.

Ethics and Citizenship:

The theme for this term will be rules. This will include class rules, playground rules and general rules that our society has. We will be linking this with the understanding of British Values and democracy. We will also look at what anti-social behaviour is and what is expected as a good citizen.

Faith and Belief:

Children will study Sikhism and how being a Sikh affects everyday life.

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 homework book (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,

M. Gallop