

Autumn Term 1 in Year 5



Welcome to Year 5!

Our topic for this half term is **North America**

Dates for your diaries:

23/09 Basketball @ Amersham School

27/11 Gymnastics @ DCHS

Science Oxford trip – 19/11

Indoor PE – Tuesday

Swimming – Friday

Homework

Spelling – 5 words from the list each week written in sentences. There is also a list of spelling words at the front of the book to practice ahead of a test later this term.

Reading logged on BoomReader a minimum of 3 times a week – at least once should be by an adult who has heard them read aloud. **MyMaths** as normal.

Google classroom will be 1 task per half term – information will be shared at the time.

English

Our book focus for this half term will be

Kensuke's Kingdom

Writing lessons will focus on varying sentence structures, subordinate and relative clauses and imagery.

We will be writing an informal letter and a descriptive short story

Maths

This half term we will focus on

- **Place value up to 1,000,000**
 - Including negative numbers, rounding and powers of 10
- **Adding and subtracting**
 - Mental methods
 - Formal written methods up to 4 digits
 - Solving word problems

Science

Our first science unit is '**Properties and changing materials**'.

The children will explore '**reversible and irreversible changes and soluble and insoluble materials**' through exciting investigations.

Geography

We will learn about **North America – human and physical features**.



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PSHE

Our unit is '**Valuing our Differences**'.

Art

We will be developing drawing skills by including **shadow, reflection** in our sketches using a variety of mediums including pencil, charcoal and pastels.

RE

What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?

French

The children will be extending their learning of **French greetings**.

Computing

Children will be developing a deeper understanding of **computer systems** and how information is transferred.

Music

We will be focusing on creating music using **loops, beatmakers and synthesiser tools on the electronic/digital** music making program 'SoundTrap'.

PE

Indoor PE – Health and Fitness; building stamina and strength
Swimming – at Chiltern Leisure Centre

For more detailed information about the curriculum, please see the 'Curriculum' page on the school website.