



English : We start off this half term with debates about the environment, understanding how to structure arguments and present them, taking into account the views of the opposing side. We then move to our narrative unit using “Journey to the River Sea” as our text. The children enjoyed a book by the same author in year 4 so I hope to build on their enjoyment of that text.

Maths : We will be starting off with a unit learning about different forms of graphs, both reading and creating them. Then this half term focuses on Geometry skills, learning the properties of shapes, how they move by way of translation, rotation and reflection. Our last unit this half term will revisit our learning on decimals.

What are we learning in year 5
in Summer 1?



History : What is the legacy of the Ancient Greek civilisation?

The children will work to understand the Greek Gods, compare the civilisations in Athens and Sparta, and understand how democracy worked in Athens and how it influenced the world. Also, we will learn about Greek philosophers and their impact on the modern world.

Science : Unbalanced Forces. This is a physics unit which focuses on the effects of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. The children will investigate the relationship between surface area and air resistance. We will then look into the effects of levers, pulleys and simple machines on movement .

How can I support my child?

Please continue to hear your child read regularly (at least three times per week). Homework is set each Friday to be returned the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to complete this. Don't forget spelling activities are available on EdShed and to continue practise with Times Table Rockstars.

Religion and World views: Who should get to be in charge? This

unit of learning looks at many religions and how their leaders came to be. The children will also understand the concept of a bloodline and its relevance to succession in the British monarchy. The qualities of leaders will be looked into across the religions of Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity.

Art :Painting and Mixed Media—Portraits . This half term, the children will get opportunities to develop their skills in creating interesting portrait drawings using words, experimenting with materials and techniques, and constructing self-portraits that represent aspects of themselves. The children will use the artist *Chila Kumari Singh Burman* as inspiration.

Music: Our music theme this half term is improvisation, using what we have learned about notation and glockenspiel playing to write our own melodies.

French: Verbs in a French week. Verb learning in a foreign language can be very tricky! This unit focuses on being able to read verbs, and correctly form them.

Computing: Stop Motion Animation This is our Wallace and Gromit unit!!! The children will write their own short story and using toys, film using iPads and photos, their own stop motion animation. Hopefully, we will upload our final films onto Seesaw for you all to see.

PSHE : Economic Wellbeing. This is a monetary based unit where the children will understand how to manage a weekly budget, understand the risks and consequences of borrowing and loaning and understand the risks involved in buying online. We will also look at possible future careers based on the interests and skills the children have.

PE: Dance—building on our Science Fiction theme from last half term, we will be creating “alien” themed dance moves. Our Invasion Game for this half term is rugby.

Important dates, visits and visitors: