

Year 5  
Curriculum Newsletter  
Autumn 2 2022

**In English**, we will be studying *The Storm Keeper's Island* by Catherine Doyle. This fiction book will allow all the children to build skills needed to write an engaging narrative. We will be using our reading skills to help us understand how the author uses different tools to hook the reader, build description and keep it interesting for the reader. We will also look at application of grammar skills to include our own conjunctions, using complex sentences to add interest and expanded noun phrases to develop description of settings and characters. The children will also look at some Christmas poetry.

**In indoor P.E**, we will be completing a dance unit based on the question "Why Bully me?"

**In outdoor P.E**, classes will continue to work with KICK on hand- eye co-ordination skills, including ball games such as hockey and rugby. They will then be applying these skills to game situations.

**Pupils will now be able to come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Please can we ask that they come in in the correct PE uniform.**

**In R.E**, children will be looking at how The Arts are used in religion. They will be exploring how these are used in different religions around the world.



Our class reading book is  
**Private Peaceful** by Michael  
Morpurgo

### History: Suffragettes

We are learning about the changes in history that led to the campaign for women's suffrage and the formation of the Suffragette movement. We will learn about the role played by the Pankhurst sisters and Emily Davidson in bringing the cause to public attention and gaining the change in the law that led to all women being given the right to vote by 1928.

### Geography: British Geography

During this unit, the children will be learning about the impact of air pollution and what we can do about it, alongside other environmental issues, such as waste and littering in the UK and the impact of climate change. Our own area around Cambridge will be looked at and things that are being put in place to help mitigate environmental issues.

### Science: Classification

We are learning about how scientists group species and examining the five kingdoms and the work of Carl Linnaeus. This will include a chance to work scientifically, testing out some of our own hypothesis in a series of investigations. From these we will measure, record and analyse data in order to see if our initial predictions were correct. We will then draw conclusions about what we have observed, drawing on

### Art: Italian Renaissance Art

During the half term, the children will be studying Renaissance Art and Sculpture. The children will discover more about Florence Cathedral and its famous dome, building on the linear drawings they produced in the last half term. The children will be tasked with producing their own relief design of the cathedral using clay.

### Maths



This half term in maths we are focusing on multiplication, division and fractions. The children will be practising their times tables and recall speed, applying this knowledge later in the half term with fractions. We are looking at the language used around multiplication and division, where they will be covering vocabulary such as prime, square and cube numbers. In Fractions, they will be focusing on equivalent fractions and finding fractions of amounts. Improper and mixed fractions will also be covered.

### Reminders

**All children need to have their reading book and planner in school every day.** Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 5 times a week. This should be recorded in their planners and will be checked by teachers weekly on Fridays.

### Home Learning

We do not send home spelling lists. Spelling lessons take place every Monday where new spelling patterns are examined and then revised throughout the week in class. One of the home learning tasks will be linked to these spellings. Home learning tasks (maths, reading and spelling and grammar (SPaG)) are stuck in books on Fridays and must be returned by Wednesday the following week.

### P.E

P.E is on Mondays and Fridays for Piper, and Monday and Wednesday for Wright and Clipper. P.E kit must be in school on those days. No jewellery should be worn and earrings must be removed. All hair should be tied back.

### Dates for your diary:

- **Parents' Evenings: 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Christmas Jumper Day :Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Year 5/6 Carol Service: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Term ends Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> 2022**

