



Curriculum newsletter

Autumn 1 2023

Year 5

English

In English this term, we will start by focusing on a whole school text *The Fox and the Star* by Coarlie Bickford-Smith. This story is about friendships and resilience and pupils will plan their own version of the narrative from a different point-of-view using grammatical features such as figurative language, modal verbs and present perfect tense.

After this, we will turn our attention to the history topic this term and read *Children of the Benin Kingdom* by Dinah Orji. We will explore the story by comparing characters and writing letters in role. We will continue to practise using expanded noun phrases, relative clauses and use of parenthesis.

Maths

In Maths, our focus of learning will begin with Place Value. Pupils will be working with numbers up to 1,000,000 and learning to compare and order numbers. After this, we will study addition and subtraction and ensure that we are secure with written and mental strategies, as well as using inverse operations to check our work. Finally, we will start the unit of work on Multiplication and Division, this will continue after half-term.

Throughout our learning, pupils will be encouraged to apply their knowledge to tackle problem solving questions as well as attempt to explain their reasoning to others.

PE

In PE we are looking at ball skills, focusing on throwing, catching and balance.

PSHE—Relationships.

Music—Egyptian notation

RE

In RE, we are looking at what Christians mean when they say God is

Science

We are looking at making mixtures from different substances, looking in detail at solids, liquids and gases.

History

We are studying the Benin Kingdom, looking at trade routes and how they were successful.