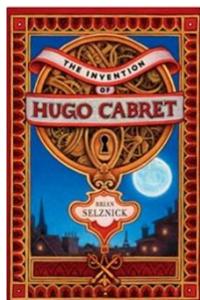


Class 5 Curriculum News

Autumn Term 2019

English



This term we will begin by looking at a fiction book called 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. The children will be writing their own narrative and developing settings, characters and atmosphere. They will be focussing on using a range of cohesive devices to build cohesion throughout a text, including conjunctions and adverbials of time. Based on the book, children will also be writing newspaper reports and diary entries from different character points of view. In addition to this, children will be doing one grammar session each week and this half term we will be focussing on punctuation, tenses and sentence structures.

How you can help

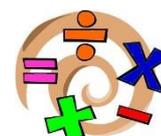
Please talk to your children about what they are reading asking them questions about their book and encourage them to record any independent reading they do in their home-school link book.

Mathematics

This year Maths will continue to be taught in year groups.

Children in Year 5 will be taught by Miss Lawson and children

in Year 6 will be taught by Miss Baker. We will start our maths work this term by thinking about place value in numbers up to ten million and numbers with up to 3 decimal places. We will consider the value of each digit in these numbers, compare and order numbers and round numbers. We will also explore negative numbers further. After that we will work hard on securing efficient written methods for all four operations. During this work children will be focussing on developing their reasoning and problem solving. This will be followed by work on properties of numbers, including Roman numerals, multiples, factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers.



How you can help

It would be really help if you could help your child at home to consolidate their times tables up to 12 x 12. Children will also have a times tables book to take home to support them in their learning.

Religious Education

Our RE topic this half term is 'Creation and Science: conflicting and complementary? Children will develop their understanding of the different view points about creation. They will look at Genesis 1 and compare their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it, showing awareness of different viewpoints. They will compare this account with the scientific account of the big bang theory and explore the ways in which they are different. Children will hold a philosophical discussion to ask big questions including why is there a universe at all? Why do humans matter?

Science

Our science topic this half term is Earth and Space. Children will develop their understanding of the Earth and the other planets in the solar system. Children will create their own models of the solar system and be able to describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth. They will go onto explore big questions 'Why do we have day and night?' How do we know if there is life on other planets? 'What would it be like to be an astronaut in space?

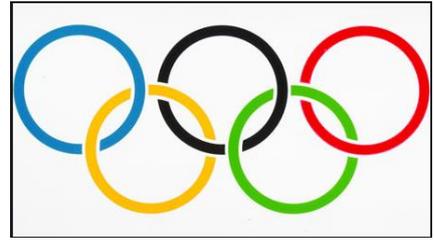
Computing



In Computing, children will start the term by looking at online safety. This will consolidate their knowledge about keeping passwords private and ways to stay safe online whilst gaming or chat. We will look at social media and the positive and negative impacts this can have on our society. We will then be moving onto writing blogs and emails which will be linked to our history topic on Ancient Greece.

Topic

Our history topic this half term is Ancient Greece. During this topic, children will learn all about the Ancient city states of Athens and Sparta. They will discover why the Greeks were such great fighters and re-enact the battle of Marathon. Children will examine different artefacts to discover what every day life was like in Ancient Greece. They will develop their understanding of the roles of women, democracy and architecture and the legacy these have today. Finally, we will look at the first ever Olympic Games, which was held in Ancient Greece and the sporting events that took place there.



Art

Our art topic this half term will be linked to our history topic on the Ancient Greeks. Children will be researching ancient Greek pots and designing their own using a success criteria. They will then move onto making their own Greek pots out of clay and painting them. We will also be looking at Greek theatre and creating our own Greek tragedy masks.



Physical Education

This half term the children will be swimming on a Thursday. Please ensure that full kit is available in school and that you have read the guidance regarding ear piercing/earrings in the home-school link book. Children will also be doing Gymnastics in school on a Friday afternoon, so please make sure their kit is in school for this. We will be having a specialist gymnastic teacher coming in and they will work on building sequences and performing and evaluating them.

Music

Our music topic will be linked to our science work on 'Space' children will learn a song about the solar system, adding percussion instruments to the song and then performing it. They will then move onto composing their own songs for a jingle that they will record.



French

Our French unit of work this term is called 'Ma Famille'. The children will learn key vocabulary to name and describe their family members. Children will learn new vocabulary through songs, rhymes and games. They will then produce a short piece of written piece of work about their own family in French.

PSHCE

In PSHCE this half term children will learn about different careers and earning money. They will learn about the different careers that are available to them and the steps they could take to get there. They will also learn how money can be earned, as well as understanding how lending and borrowing money works. This work will link to our enterprise week, where children will be given £10 to create their own enterprise game, which they will present at the school open day.

General

Spellings are really important – please can you support your child to learn the spelling rules and Y5/6 word list which can be found in the home-school link book.

Please help children learn their times tables at home because this will really help them in their maths lesson. They need to know all their times tables up to 12x12.

Class 5's Brain Builder is set and due in every Friday.

If your child is going home with another adult, could you please let us know when dropping off or write a note in the Home School Link Book.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school or speak to a class teacher.