

Term 5 Year 2 Parent Overview

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We're excited about all the new learning opportunities this term. We will continue to have outdoor PE on a Tuesday and indoor PE will now be on a Wednesday please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on those days. Reading books will be handed out on a Monday. Please ensure your child's reading book is in school every day and you record when your child has read at home. Homework will continue to be sent home on a Tuesday and will need to be returned on a Monday. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us we are around before and after school to talk to. Mrs Williams (Mon & Tue), Mrs Bell (Wed-Fri), Mrs Morgan, Miss Clarke and Mrs Millward.

English



In English we will focus on two different text types this term. A Journey story - Billy the Brave Knight. The children will revise using conjunctions and start sentences in different ways during this English unit. We will then go onto Instruction Writing towards the end of the term and continue this into term 6. We will also continue to learn a weekly spelling pattern and practise our handwriting each week.

Maths



In maths this term the children will be exploring fractions, focusing on understanding the concept of parts of a whole. They'll learn to recognize and represent simple fractions like $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{5}$ using visual aids such as fraction circles and bar models. The children will compare fractions, by using more, less and equal to symbols. They will also explore fractions in real-life contexts, like dividing objects into equal parts.

Science



This term in science the children will explore the life cycles of animals. The children will learn how animals grow and change over time, from birth to adulthood. They'll compare the life cycles of different animals, such as mammals, birds, and insects. The children will also have some special animal visitors, at the end of the term, to look after and care for for 2 weeks!

Key Vocabulary: *adult, young offspring, live young, offspring, reproduce, lifecycle, develop*

History



This term, children will learn about Edwin Budding and how his invention made everyday tasks easier. They will explore why the lawnmower was needed and how it works. The topic also introduces inventors like Hubert Cecil Booth and Sir John Harington, who improved daily life through their ideas. Children will compare past and present inventions and how they changed the way people live. They will finish by thinking about what makes an inventor important

Key Vocabulary: *inventions, ridicules, Vacuum. Lawnmower, flushing toilet.*

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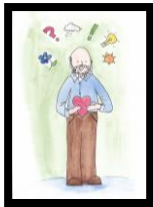
This term, children will explore the idea of a *worldview*—how people understand the world and what matters most in their lives. They will learn how beliefs can shape actions, focusing on how some Christians show their worldview through prayer, worship, and helping others. They will discover that Christianity is lived out in different ways by different people, including those in their local community. They will build on prior learning about Christian beliefs and explore how these influence everyday choices. By the end of the unit, children will be able to explain how beliefs can guide the way people think, act, and live.

Key Vocabulary: worldview, belief, Christian, Worship, Community

Art

In art the children will learn about Leroy Neiman, a famous American artist known for his vibrant and colourful paintings. He loved to capture exciting moments in sports, music, and everyday life, using bold brushstrokes and bright colours to make his artwork stand out.

Key Vocabulary: expressionist, shade, dyeing and background

Wellbeing

This term the children will be focussing on the unit 'Being My Best'. In this unit, the children will explore ways to take care of themselves, build resilience, and develop a positive attitude toward learning and personal growth. The lessons aim to help children understand the importance of looking after their bodies and minds, making healthy choices, and striving to be the best version of themselves.

Music

This term, the children will begin a 10-week music tuition. Each Thursday morning, they will be learning to play the recorder with Mr Kempner. Over the course of the lessons, they will develop skills in holding the instrument correctly, producing a clear sound, and playing individual notes. As their confidence grows, they will learn to perform simple tunes. The 10 week tuition will conclude with a class performance for parents, date to be confirmed.

PE

In PE this term the children will take part in Target Games on Tuesday afternoon and Gymnastics on a Wednesday afternoon. In Target Games, they will develop skills such as aiming, throwing, rolling, and striking with accuracy, while learning the importance of tactics, teamwork, and fair play. In Gymnastics, children will explore movement through balancing, rolling, jumping, and creating simple sequences using apparatus. They will build strength, flexibility, and coordination, while also learning to evaluate and improve their performance.