



**YEAR 5**

**Literacy**

During this term we shall focus on persuasive writing and the classic novel 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. We will continue weekly GPS (Grammar, punctuation and spelling) sessions and try to help each child improve their presentation skills through handwriting and layout. We will be continuing new hourly guided reading sessions and refine the children's skills in comprehension tasks. It is essential that all children read regularly and often at home, and as often as possible aloud to someone, to improve their fluency and understanding. Drama and other speaking and listening activities will be incorporated into lessons, such as poetry performances. Fortnightly independent writing activities will include planning and writing, leaflets, letters, descriptions and diaries.

**Mathematics**

As well as strengthening children's understanding in addition, subtraction with increasingly larger numbers we will continue to develop the children's multiplication and division skills using numbers up to 1,000. We will introduce work on angles and how to measure them using a protractor. Other measures, including capacity, time and weight will be revisited with special focus given to real life problems for the children to solve.

**Science**

This term we will be spending the whole term investigating, grouping and classifying different materials and exploring their properties. Investigations and experiments will be undertaken and written up including how to separate materials. We will also focus on how scientists create new materials which will involve learning about Spencer Silver and Ruth Benerito.

**History**

We will be studying the Mayans. We will look at key features of the ancient Civilization and aspects of everyday life.

**Music**

During this term, we will be exploring instruments and performing techniques.

**RE**

All the major world religions will be studied with a focus on how their special books influence their beliefs and customs.

**Art**

We will focus on Mayan art and use a wide variety of media such as mod roc and collage.

**DT**

We will explore weaving techniques and create our own 'God's eye' weaving.

**ICT**

ICT for this term will focus on coding. The children will create a simple animation/games.

**P.S.H.E**

This will include aspects of First Aid and we will continue to work on themes such as feelings, peer pressure and conflicts and resolution.



**Home Learning**

Written home learning is set every week on Friday, and usually relates to Maths, English or Topic. This will be marked as a class together, and any errors or misconceptions will be addressed. **Maths home learning will be marked in Maths sets on a Friday. Other home learning will be marked as a class on Friday as usual.** Spelling tests will be carried out weekly.

**PE**

This term in PE we will be following the 'Real PE' scheme. In games we will work on Football then Rounders. **Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every week.**