



English

In English, learning will be centred around several age-appropriate adaptations of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. As well as engaging with extracts from the original script, and modernised narratives, the class will: write a letter as *Macbeth* to *Lady Macbeth* detailing an interaction with three strange women after defeating the Norwegians in battle, creating a balanced argument considering if *Macbeth* should kill King Duncan and writing a collaborative script to re-tell an scene from the narrative.

Science

Throughout the Earth and Space unit, the class will develop their knowledge of the Solar System, learn about the varying phases of the moon, understand orbiting and the day/night cycle as well as practically investigate the impact of asteroids impacting Earth.

Art and Design

To tie in with the Earth and Space science unit, this half-term in Art the class will be studying the works of contemporary artist Peter Thorpe whose artwork lends itself to the interstellar. Children will analyse Thorpe's most notable artworks before trialling techniques and creating a final piece in his style.

Computing

The class will recap their existing knowledge of coding using the Scratch platform and develop their understanding to complete an increasingly complex range of coding challenges cumulating in the design of a simple game. This unit will continue into the Summer term.

RE

In RE, the class will take a closer look at Judaism to answer the key question: 'Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?'

PE

The class will continue to have their weekly swimming lesson at Blyth Sports Centre throughout the duration of the half-term. In school, the class will hone their sending and receiving skills, as well as develop individual and team tactics, in our dodgeball unit.

Mathematics

First, the class will continue where we left off in the Multiplication and Division unit, with children consolidating their existing knowledge. Then, learning will focus again on fractions, primarily with finding fractions of amounts and converting between equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

Geography

In Topic, the class will be learning about the country of Brazil, following on from our previous unit in which learning focus on North and South America. The class will research, and produce a written fact file all about Brazil as well as learn about the varying weathers, climates and ecosystems within the country. In addition to this, the class will also use four and six-figure grid references to pinpoint locations on a map with increasing accuracy.

Music

Throughout the half-term Year 5 will be exploring the relevant aspects of 90s Hip Hop music through studying Will Smith's 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air'.

Spanish

The class will continue to receive specialist Spanish tuition from Mrs Suttill in the 'Los Planetas' unit.

PSHE

As part of the 'Healthy Me' unit, the children will consider healthy choices regarding smoking and alcohol and know how to resist peer pressure. Then, learning will focus on the concept of body images and potential impacts on confidence and mental health.

