

Is There Enough for Everyone?



English

Our text this half term is 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. We will be writing narratives, creating our own chapters for the book. We will be writing setting and character descriptions and writing recounts of key events in the book from various characters' perspectives.

Our grammar unit is on punctuation. We will look at using brackets, dashes and commas, using these to punctuate parenthesis. We will look at using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity before revisiting previously learned punctuation.

In spelling, we will be recapping on common exception words and previous units.

Science

Within the 'Humans and other animals' unit the class will learn human growth and development, gestation periods and the growth of babies. In addition to this, learning will also focus upon the changes the body undergoes during puberty as well as sexual reproduction in humans.

Art and DT

In DT, we will be completing our textiles unit, developing our sewing skills to make a stuffed toy. In Art, the class will learn about the work of M.C. Escher's work using tessellation and geometric shapes in their artwork.

Computing

In computing, the class will continue to learn about programming through the use of Spheros and Scratch.

RE

RE lessons will focus around answering the core question of 'What matters most to Humanists and Christians?'. In order to do this the class will learn about the core beliefs and key thinkers within Humanist before comparing and contrasting the ideas shown with those of Christians.

PSHE

As part of the 'Changing Me' unit, some of the classes learning will be linked to learning in science focused on puberty and will give children the chance to discuss, and ask questions, about the changes undergone through puberty. In addition to this the class will also learn about body image, and how a perceived 'ideal' body image can potentially negatively impact self-esteem as well as realistic expectations regarding body image. Finally, the class will discuss changing relationships before reflecting on their time in Year 5 and look forward to Year 6.

Mathematics

The class will continue to increase their knowledge of the following concepts:

- Position and Direction
- Decimals
- Negative Numbers
- Measuring: Converting units
- Measuring: Volume

Geography

In Geography the class will ultimately seek to answer the question 'Is there enough for everyone?'. To do this, the class will learn about consumption trends in the UK, methods of power generation, other renewable and non-renewable sources of energy, where food comes from (including air miles) as well as ways to help conserve food and prevent food shortages.

Music

Our music unit this half term is on musical theatre. They will analyse the music from musical theatre before creating, rehearsing and performing their own musicals.

PE

In PE children will develop their knowledge of the skills and related tactics using in bat and ball games through playing adapted games of rounders before developing their confidence and techniques in athletics ahead of our Sports Day.

This half term, the children will also have the opportunity to take part in adventurous activities with LASP on Wansbeck Riverside, with a mixture of water and land-based activities.

Spanish

In Spanish, the class will be completing the unit 'Los planetas' (the planets).