

Spring Term First Half 2024 – Year 5

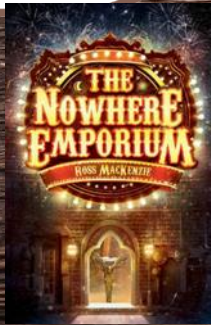


English

In English this half term, we will begin by reading the book:

'The Nowhere Emporium'. Our focus for this text will be to plan and write a suspense narrative including: relative clauses, parenthesis, adverbs of possibility, Personification and ellipses for effect. Our next stimulus will be a short film entitled 'Shadow of Blue'. We will work towards writing a diary entry and will write a character description, look at symbolism and writer's language choices, write dialogue and recount events. We will also be learning to debate. We will round off the half term with performance poetry.

We are reading...



Reading:

We will use our group guided reading time (ERIC) each week to listen to children read. Please support us in developing your child's reading by sharing books and listening to them read at home. Reading should be recorded in their Reading Record Books which will be collected in every Tuesday morning.

Maths

In Maths we will begin the half term by focusing on our multiplication and division skills. We will multiply 4 dig by 1 dig and work our way up to multiplying 4 dig by 2 dig. We will then move on to short division and dividing 4 dig by 1 dig numbers and dividing with remainders. We will look at efficient methods and also solve problems. Then we will move on to looking at fractions and how we multiply, find fractions of quantity and amount and finding the whole.

Geography

During this half term, we will focus on Europe and a study of Greece and Athens. We will begin by using our map skills to locate Europe and investigate key information about its principal countries. We will move on to explore tourism in the Mediterranean region and understand some of the factors affecting migration to Europe through Greece. We will then investigate the landscape of Greece, its features and how it is used. We will conclude by investigating the main features of Athens and compare every day life for a child in Athens with ours.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be exploring properties and changes of materials. This will include: the requirements for burning, irreversible changes as a result of burning, investigating pH, chemical reactions between acids and alkalis, solutions and solubility, reversible changes and separating mixtures by filtering and sieving.

RE

This half term, we will be learning about Hinduism with a focus on the theme 'Beliefs and Moral Values' and considering the key question, "Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?"

We will investigate the impact of certain beliefs on a Hindu's life.

Music

This half term's music unit is called:

How Does Music Improve Our world?

We will begin by improvising and then moving on to composing our own pieces of music – along with some singing too!

Computing

This half term we will begin by looking at text-based programming. We will write text-based commands accurately to program digital art, write commands to program keyboard inputs in a game, programme a Logo Turtle to move and use a pen, Use co-ordinates to move a Logo Turtle, program a loop and colours in Logo Turtle. We will conclude the half term with an E-safety lesson.

PE

PE will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Basketball and Hockey

French

Our French unit this half term is 'Shopping'. We will build numbers and prices in French, name different foods, perform a short story, use vocabulary to describe a quantity of different food and conclude by exploring a French text.

PSHE

This half term's unit of study is called:

Dreams and Goals

We will begin by thinking about what we would like to be when we are grown up. We will explore different types of jobs and careers and think about how they contribute to society. We will think about how our education will help with our future. Following this, we will think about the dreams and goals of young people from different cultures and explain the similarities and differences to our own.

Art

The focus of our unit of work this half term is 'Painting and Mixed Media - Portraits'.

We will begin by investigating self-portraits by a range of different artists and work up to using a photograph of ourselves as a starting point for developing our own unique self-portraits in mixed media.