

Spring Term Second Half 2024 – Year 5



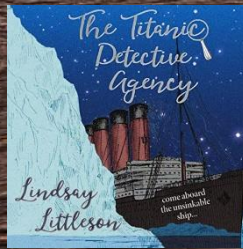
English

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

“The Titanic Detective Agency”. This unit of work will see us focusing on descriptive and persuasive writing. We will build up to writing a persuasive advertisement to encourage people to buy a first class ticket to board The Titanic.

We will then write a powerful description of the sinking of The Titanic. Our next unit of work will see us using a film short called ‘Red Miss Take’ as our stimulus. We will identify the features of fairytale writing and plan and write our own fairytales.

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 by finishing off our fractions unit of work and then move on to working with decimals and percentages. We will begin by exploring the place value of decimals and then compare, order and round. Next, we will explore percentages. In our second unit of work we will be exploring perimeter and area. We will round off the half term with a statistics unit of work – reading and interpreting data represented in different ways.

Science

In Science this half term, we will continue to explore properties and changes of materials. This will include: Separation by evaporation, hardness, transparency and magnetism and thermal and electrical conductivity.

History

During this half term, we will be exploring the topic of Vikings vs. Anglo-Saxons. We will find out what Britain was like before the first Viking invasions and then find out what happened during the invasions. Next, we will explore the Viking settlement of Britain and how this affected the Anglo-Saxons. We will find out some more about ‘Alfred the Great’ and explore what life was like for Vikings in Britain. To conclude our unit of work, we will find out about the end of the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era in Britain.

RE

This half term, we will be learning about Christianity with a focus on the theme 'Easter' and considering the key question, "How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?"

We will explore whether God intended Jesus to be crucified or whether Jesus' crucifixion was the consequence of events during Holy Week.

Music

This half term's music unit is called:

How does music teach us about our community?

We will be exploring different musical styles, making up our own compositions and doing some singing too!

Computing

This half term we will begin with a data handling unit of work which will involve us working on spreadsheets, using formulae and finding specific data. We will then move on to a unit called 'Physical Devices' where we will explore how to programme a Microbit.

PE

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

Gymnastics and OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)

French

Our French unit this half term is 'The French Speaking World'. We will be discovering the many French-speaking countries, giving and following directions and discussing climate.

PSHE

This half term's unit of study is called:

Healthy Me

We will explore the health risks of smoking and drinking and the effect tobacco and alcohol has on the body. We will be taught some basic first aid procedures and how to get help in an emergency. During the final three lessons, we will be exploring body image and what it means to have a healthy lifestyle.

DT

The focus of our unit of work this half term is: 'Mechanical Systems: Making a pop-up book'.

We will each design and create our own pop-up book using a variety of different mechanisms such as sliders, pivots and folds to produce movement.