

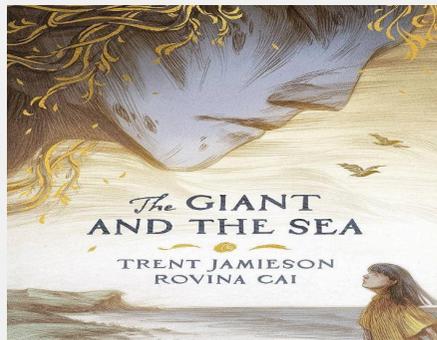


Years 5 & 6, Spring 1

English

We will start by focusing on the book 'The Giant and the Sea', by Trent Jamieson. This is a wonderful text that has great links to our climate change topic! We will build towards writing a narrative. We will be focusing on colons, semi-colons and effective dialogue with inverted commas.

The narrative will take up most of the half-term, but we will finish by doing a brief unit about instructions.



We are reading...

RE

In RE this term the children will be thinking about what happens in different churches. We will look at the churches in our local area and some of the differences between them. This will include how they take communion, their views on baptism and different roles in the church. The children will also listen to a range of Christian songs. Finally, they will reflect on what churches show us about Christian beliefs and link this to their own worldviews.

Science

Year 5: The children will learn about the properties of different materials. They will be testing materials to check for electrical conductivity. They will also plan and carry out an experiment to test the best material to insulate heat. Finally, the children will think about uses of different every day materials.

Year 6: In our Year 6 Electricity unit, children will explore how electrical circuits work and how different components affect one another. They will investigate how the number and voltage of cells can change the brightness of a bulb and they will learn to compare and explain why circuits behave differently depending on how they are set up.

Maths

Year 5: We will be doing multiplication and division (including long multiplication), before returning to fractions.

Year 6: This term, the Year 6 children will be learning about ratio as well as looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. This is building on their fractions learning from Autumn term.



History

We are going back in time to the Victorian era! Our focus question is: "How did Victorian inventions change everyday life?". We will examine steam power, communication, health and home inventions. We will examine the impact that we can see in the modern world.

French

In French we will continue to focus on strengthening our phonics knowledge – and therefore our spoken French - by learning the 'ai' and 'in' sounds.

We will also be expanding our French grammar understanding by solidifying our current understanding of the where the adjective goes in a French sentence through our topic of Animals.

Music

This term in music, children will be learning a traditional song called *Dona nobis pacem*, which means "Grant us peace" in Latin. They will learn to sing it as a three-part round and explore how different musical textures sound. They will also work on keeping a steady pulse in 3-time and create their own short pieces using simple rhythms and chords.

PSHE

We are looking forward to our next PSHE themed day in which all of our days learning surrounds one topic.

It may include role-play, poetry writing, activities outside or quizzes!

More news to come about this!

Computing

We will be doing blogging!

This unit focuses on creating, managing and contributing to blogs.

The children will be learning key digital literacy skills like planning content, understanding audience, online safety and responsible commenting.

PE

Year 5: Pigeon class will be doing swimming and gymnastics. Wren class will be doing flag football and gymnastics. We are incredibly lucky to have Coach Charlotte teaching gymnastics for both Year 5 & 6 this term.

Year 6: This term, both classes will be doing flag football and gymnastics. Flag football is one of the fastest growing sports globally and will be included in the upcoming Olympics.