

English

In our writing lessons, we will be writing our own desert themed poems and writing disaster stories set in the desert. The grammar features we will continue to use in our writing will be semi-colons, relative clauses, cohesion between paragraphs and parenthesis. We will also write a newspaper report based around a sandstorm disaster.

This half term, our class novel is 'Malamander' by Thomas Taylor. We will be using the 'Super 6' reading skills to explore the text in detail and answer different styles of questions relating to these. In our Forensic Reading sessions we will explore the topic of 'Journeys' with a focus on The Highwayman poem.

Maths

Children will have the opportunity this half term to develop their understanding of:

- Multiplication and division
- Fractions

RE

We will continue to explore the question, 'Why are some places and journeys special?' We will look at different religions and learn about the special pilgrimages their followers undertake.

Music

In Music, we will be exploring musical beat through the topic of keeping healthy.

Geography

This half term, for our first geography topic of Year 5, we will be investigating hot desert biomes and learning about the physical features of a desert. The children will consider how humans interact with these environments and the threats facing deserts. We will compare our local area to the Mojave desert.

Spellings

Year 5 are focusing heavily on improving their spellings and in the next half term there will be a focus on:

- Silent letters
- Hyphenated prefixes
- The letter string -ough.
- Singular and plural endings

Computing

This half term, the children will spend time using Purple Mash coding software to learn how to code efficiently, simulate a physical system, introduce strings and how to use friction and functions.

Deserts



PSHE

This half term, the children will be exploring how money is managed in our society. They will learn about banking, the value of money, debt and setting appropriate budgets.

French

The children will learn about the topic 'Je suis le musicien', in which they will learn how to say and talk about a variety of musical instruments.

PE

We will be developing key skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, attacking and defending in football. We will also continue to build choreographed routines in dance, incorporating repeated movements, performing dances in canon and unison.

Science

Our science topic for the half-term will be 'Feel the Force' where the children will use the Snap Science scheme to learn about:

- gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction
- what makes things move
- levers
- lifting heavy loads

Art

In Art, the children will be creating self-portraits using inspirational words and messages. We will use different media to create these. They will also improve their mastery of art and design techniques such as drawing and painting.