

English:

In reading, this half term, we will be evaluating the story 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie. We will work on retrieval and inference style questions, justifying our answers with reference to the text.

In writing, we will be creating setting descriptions based upon our class novel. We will also be writing non-fiction balanced arguments about whether keeping animals in zoos should be allowed. The features we will be looking to incorporate into our writing will be:

- Parenthesis (brackets, dashes and commas)
- Relative clauses
- Modal verbs
- Past-perfect tense

Maths:

In maths, the children will be finishing our learning on fractions and will also learn about decimals and percentages.

Music:

In music, the children will be exploring a variety of musical styles, moods and genres linking to our 'Life Cycles' topic.

Spellings:

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

- Prefixes co- trans- non-
- Plural nouns
- Nouns and adjectives turned into verbs by -ise -ify -en

French

The children will learn about the topic 'Le retour du printemps', in which they will practise how to say and talk about the 'return of spring' and other words connected to this season. They will learn to listen attentively to spoken French and show an understanding of how to respond. They will learn correct intonation and pronunciation.

Computing:

This half term, the children will continue to spend time using Purple Mash to learn 3D modelling, where the children will learn how to use a computer program to create 3D drawings of objects. The final product will be a 3D spacecraft design.



Life Cycles

PSHE:

In PSHE lessons, children will be exploring the question 'How can friends communicate safely?'. They will learn all about communicating safely online as well as how to talk with others in a safe way.

PE:

The children will be developing their gymnastic skills this half-term where they will choreograph a sequence of balances, rolls and travelling movements. In outdoor PE, they will be learning the different skills needed to play tennis, including the importance of hand eye coordination that is needed to hit the ball to a partner.

Science:

The children will be learning about about 'Living Things and Life Cycles'. They will learn about:

- Reproduction in different animal groups including reptiles, amphibians and mammals
- Reproduction in flowering and non-flowering plants

Art:

In art, children will explore different pieces of artwork from the 'Space race' era which they'll communicate in their sketchbooks. Children will then design and make their own printing plate. By the end of the unit children will understand the term 'retrofuturism'.