

Ally Pally Class, Spring 2 Curriculum

Newsletter

This term Year 5 children will be learning about and exploring the following areas:

Writing

We will be interpreting the story of 'The Lost Things' by Shaun Tan.

We will be developing our skills using the characterisation toolkit. These tools include the use of relative clauses, reveal the character's thoughts, emotion and personality traits, show the character's interests, show how the character feels, use other character's comments or reactions.

Reading

For our BIG READ this term we will be reading 'Brightstorm: A Sky-ship Adventure by Vashti Hardy'.

We will be developing skills of prediction, inference, making connections and looking closely at emotive language.

Once a week, we will also respond to an unseen text. This is to develop and practice our comprehension skills.

Spelling

We practise our spellings on a daily basis. We use the platform 'Spelling Planet' to support us during spelling lessons. Please check the school website for our current spellings. Words will also be sent home as part of our homework. You will also be directed to specific activities on the oxford owl website that will be linked to each week's spelling focus.

Science

Our topic this term is materials. We will be experimenting and discussing the different properties of materials, the impact of thermal conductors and insulators, electrical conductors, separating mixtures and irreversible changes.

Geography

This term we will be learning about Brazil. We will learn about the climate of Brazil, discuss the push and pull factors for living in Brazil, deep dive in Rio de Janeiro and the indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest.

Maths



This term we will be learning about:

- multiplying fractions by integers
- finding a fraction of an amount
- finding the whole
- equivalent fractions and decimals
- ordering and comparing fractions and decimals
- rounding decimals
- percentages as fractions/decimals
- equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages

Music



We will be continuing our music lessons with Ken on a Monday.

Spanish



Spanish will now be taught by Raquel on Monday.

PSHE

Our focus this term will be on relationships; managing friendships and peer influence; physical contact and feeling safe; responding respectfully and recognizing prejudice and discrimination.

We may also engage with mindfulness and re-engaging activities online to support whole class regulation. Occasionally, we may watch CBBC's Newsround to facilitate conversations about the wider world.

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Art

In Art this term we are continuing to explore the portraits of the Elizabethans and how their costumes reflected their status and values. We have been creating a 3D model of an Elizabethan character, using a variety of materials including papier mache, textiles, and tin foil.

RE

This term, we will be learning about Sikhism.

Computing

This term, we will be learning about video creation and editing.

PE

We will be exploring the art of gymnastics this term. We will also have cricket every Friday with Jerry. Please ensure your children come to school dressed appropriately.

Weather permitting, we also participate in the daily mile. Otherwise, we engage with just dance to keep our bodies moving.

Homework

We will send homework home on a Friday. Please return by the following Wednesday. Homework is a place for your children to celebrate their learning. All work will be familiar to them.

At the beginning of each term, I will send out a block of optional tasks that can be selected to complete throughout the term.

Events

TRIP - National Portrait Gallery – Friday 1st March 2024

World Book Day 2024 – We will be celebrating World Book Day over the course of the week (4-8th March).

- 4th March – Bedtime Story Day – children and staff may wear their pyjamas to school

Science week (11-15th March)

Music recital – 25th March

Additional

- Please make sure that your children bring a **warm, waterproof** coat to school every day. If possible, playtimes and exercise will take place outside in the playground.
- Although not banned from school, Pokemon cards are discouraged and the pupils have all been informed that the school can't take responsibility for any lost/damaged cards. Please advise your children accordingly.