



Welcome back to a new half-term, which will lead us on to Christmas. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the 5/6 team.

English

The children will begin the year writing their own version of a short mystery story. They will learn the story and practise certain sentence structures and punctuation before applying these to their own writing.

Later in the half-term, they will watch a short animation called 'The Alchemist's Letter' and will write a narrative based on it.

In guided reading, we will be reading a number of short texts, with a focus on improving retrieval skills, inference and vocabulary choice.

Science, Computing and Art

We will start off the half-term with a topic about electricity, where we will begin to build more complex circuits. After that, we will move on to our next topic, which is about light and shadows.

During our computing lessons, the children will be learning about how making healthy choices that can support their wellbeing. They will also use their coding skills to create a computer programme quiz.

Our art topic is called 2-d to 3-d. We will look at the work of the artist Lubaina Himid and explore the use of positive and negative space.

Maths

In Maths, the children will be focusing on written methods of division, where they will use these skills to carry out calculations with increasingly bigger numbers. They will also learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions as well as reducing fractions to their simplest form.

After that, our attention will turn to comparing and ordering decimal numbers containing up to 3 decimal places. We will then finish the half-term by looking at converting fractions to decimal numbers and vice versa.

Religious Education and PSHE

Our Religious Education topic looks at teachings, wisdom and authority, with a focus on Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

The PSHE unit is called Respect and will consider respect for others as well as respect for themselves.

Geography and Spanish

In geography, we will be looking at South America, with a particular focus on Brazil. They will learn about where Brazil is located, its climate and some of the places where people live in northern Brazil.

In Spanish, the children will be learning vocabulary, phrases and sentences to do with the home.

Physical Education

Children are encouraged to come to school in their P.E. kit on the following days:

Morado- every **Monday**
Azul & Rojo -every **Thursday**.

P.E. attire is black bottoms, a plain red top, a black jacket and no earrings.

Homework

Homework will be assigned online every week. If a child is unable to access their homework online they can collect a paper copy from their class teacher. Any child who does not complete their homework will need to stay in during their breaktime to ensure it is completed.

- **Maths Shed:** Every week, children will complete a times table test in the classroom. On Maths Shed, they will be assigned the times table they are focusing on for their weekly test. They should complete at least **10 games** (<https://www.mathshed.com/en-gb/>).
- **Spellings:** Children will complete a weekly spelling test. The spellings will be assigned every week and they should complete at least **10 games** (<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>).
- **Reading:** Every child needs to read at least **4 times a week** and this needs to be recorded in your child's online reading record each week.

