

Big Question

This term we are continuing our topic of 'What was the British Empire?' We are going to timeline the important events throughout the reign of the British Empire and look into what it turned into - The Commonwealth. The children will be exploring Britain before and after the Industrial Revolution to see the impact this had. The children will learn about indigenous people and how they were treated as part of the British Empire.

Science

Our Science learning question for this term is 'Do all plants and animals start life as an egg?' The children will be learning about the reproduction of plants. They will also be describing and compare the life cycles of a range of animals, including humans, amphibians, insects and birds. They will also explore the work of well-known naturalists, like Sir David Attenborough and Dr Jane Goodall.

Literacy

This term we will be exploring narratives based on 'When Stars are Scattered' which is a book based on two Somalian refugees who live in a refugee camp in Kenya. Then we will move onto our Non-Fiction topic of Information texts. The children will create their own information text based on our Big Question topic all about the British Empire.

SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

We are continuing to place a great emphasis on spellings. All pupils in Year 5 have been given a statutory spelling sheet, for their year group, in their homework books. We will also be sending home weekly spelling sheets that will be linked to spelling patterns learnt that week. The grammar topics we will be looking at in class are adverbials, punctuating speech and using parenthesis (including relative clauses).

Mathematics

This half term we will be focusing on fractions. We will be learning to identify and draw fractions, including unit and non-unit fractions. We will also be using concrete resources to multiply and divide fractions to identify equivalent fractions.

May we remind you to encourage your children to continue to learn their times tables as it is integral to all maths. The children all have TT Rockstars usernames and passwords. Please encourage them to spend some time on there practising their times tables.

Expressive arts (Art, design, music)

Children will continue their weekly steel pan sessions. Linked to our Science topic, the children will look at drawing flowers and using different media to bring their drawings to life.

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I.C.T This half term, we will be looking at using ICT to strengthen our programming and coding skills. We will investigate the platform 'Scratch'.

PSHE Healthy Me is our topic this half term. The children will learn about how to stay healthy and make healthy choices.

Events This term we will be celebrating Comic relief (red nose day) on March 18th. Parent consultations will be held on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March. There will be letters sent out containing more information on both of these things.

P.E-Sport

This half term, our focus will to be on football.

All children **MUST have the school PE kit** of a PLAIN white T-shirt, black leggings/black shorts and pumps/trainers in a small PE bag. Uniform can be bought from the school office. PE kit must be brought in every **Tuesday and Thursday**.

Homework

Weekly Homework is set on **Fridays** and is due back in on **Wednesdays**. Homework is given to the children on PurpleMash. Please ensure your child completes their homework and hand it in by the stated day. Your child will also receive a weekly spelling list to learn and will be tested on these in class.

Daily homework

- Practise year 5 & 6 spellings list.
- Times tables to be practised daily (TT Rockstars).
- Home reading book to be read and commented on.