

Year 5/6: Spring 1

Writing

This half-term, pupils will explore Carol Ann Duffy's *The Lost Happy Endings*, delving into themes of imagination, storytelling, and character motives. Inspired by the text, pupils will produce a selection of creative and informative writing pieces such as a persuasive letter, a diary entry, a news report, and a re-telling from a different perspective. Throughout the unit, pupils will continue to strengthen their vocabulary, sentence structure, and overall writing confidence.

Science

In Spring 1, pupils will explore Materials, building on their understanding of solids, liquids, and gases. They will learn to compare and group materials based on their properties and investigate how different materials behave. Pupils will carry out practical enquiries, including testing thermal insulation and observing the process of dissolving. They will also learn how mixtures can be separated using a variety of methods such as filtering, sieving, and evaporating. Throughout the unit, pupils will continue to develop their scientific enquiry skills by planning and conducting investigations, recording data, and explaining their findings using scientific vocabulary.

PSHE

This half-term, pupils will be learning about what it means to live a healthy lifestyle. They will explore different aspects of health and consider the choices that help us feel well physically and emotionally. Pupils will also reflect on their own strengths and recognise what they and others are good at, helping to build confidence, self-awareness, and positive relationships.

Computing

This half-term, pupils will be developing their understanding of how to search safely and effectively online. They will learn what a search engine is, how it works, and how to use it to find information. Pupils will also explore why not everything online is true and how to think critically about what they read. To apply their learning, they will create an informative poster to share safe and effective searching tips with others.

Maths

This half-term, pupils will develop confidence with written methods for multiplication and division. They will learn to multiply increasingly large numbers, divide using short division, and solve problems involving both operations. Pupils will then apply their understanding to fractions, including multiplying fractions and mixed numbers by integers, finding fractions of amounts, and using fractions to find the whole. This half-term, pupils will build their fluency with fractions by multiplying and dividing them in different contexts and using fractions to find amounts and whole values. They will also strengthen their understanding of measures, converting between units, calculating with metric measures, and exploring miles, kilometres, and key imperial units.

History

This half-term, our history focus is the Victorian era. Pupils will learn who the Victorians were and explore what life was like for children, comparing modern toys and experiences with those from the past. They will study the Industrial Revolution, using timelines and maps to understand how Britain changed, and take on the role of city planners to design housing for growing cities. Pupils will also investigate key Victorian inventions and how they shaped daily life. A visit to a Victorian school will enrich their learning, and pupils will create a one-page spread about the life of either a rich or poor Victorian.

PE

This half-term in PE, pupils will be developing their ball skills through netball and exploring creativity through dance. In netball, pupils will focus on accurate passing, catching, footwork, and moving into space, applying these skills in small-sided games to build control, coordination, and teamwork. In dance, pupils will learn to use dynamics, pathways, and levels to create expressive routines, working individually and with partners to develop sequences that show control, timing, and creativity.