

Year 5/6: Spring 2

Writing

This half-term, pupils will explore *The Hidden Forest* by Jeanie Baker, developing their understanding of setting, adventure, and the power of nature. Through close reading, pupils will examine character motives, atmosphere, and the author's use of descriptive language. Inspired by the text, pupils will create a range of imaginative and informative writing pieces, including an online travel guide to the forest, a postcard written from within the setting, and a poem capturing its magic and mystery. Throughout the unit, pupils will continue to strengthen their vocabulary choices, sentence structure, and overall writing confidence.

Science

In this unit, pupils will learn about plant reproduction and animal life cycles. They will explore different ways plants reproduce and learn in detail how flowering plants reproduce, including identifying key parts through flower dissection. Pupils will study the stages of a flowering plant's life cycle and compare the life cycles of insects, amphibians, and birds. Throughout the unit, pupils will use scientific vocabulary accurately and develop their understanding by making observations and comparisons.

Geography

In this geography unit, pupils will develop their understanding of climate zones and biomes around the world. They will learn to identify and describe key characteristics of tropical, desert, and marine biomes, including climate, vegetation, wildlife, and human activity. Pupils will use maps to locate these biomes globally and explore how climate influences the environment. Throughout the unit, pupils will build their geographical vocabulary and develop skills in comparing places and interpreting maps.

Maths

In Year 5 pupils will develop their understanding of decimals, fractions, and percentages, including ordering, rounding, and finding equivalents. They will also calculate perimeter and area of shapes, applying their skills to problem solving.

In Year 6 Pupils will build fluency in place value and operations with decimals, fractions, and percentages. They will apply these skills to problem solving and geometry, including calculating area, perimeter, and volume.

PE

This half-term in PE, pupils will be developing their throwing, dodging, and teamwork skills through dodgeball and a range of team games. In dodgeball, pupils will focus on accurate throwing, catching, dodging, and spatial awareness, applying these skills in controlled games to improve reaction time, coordination, and fair play. Across team games, pupils will work collaboratively to develop communication, strategy, and cooperation, learning how to support teammates, follow rules, and play competitively and respectfully.

RE

In this RE unit, pupils will explore how worldviews shape beliefs about death, the self, and what lies beyond. They will learn about the idea of the transcendent and examine what Abrahamic religions teach about life after death, using key religious vocabulary and respectful discussion skills throughout.