

**French**

In French, we will learn to talk ‘All about me’. We will learn how to talk about our families and revisit counting to 20. We will learn a variety of games and songs to help us.

**Music**

Our focus for Autumn Term is ‘Baroque’ style music. We will be learning the key features of Baroque music including recitative, canon, ground bass and fugue. We will also be creating a vocal improvisation task based on the Baroque recitative. After the October half term, we will be exploring dynamics, pitch and tempo linked to Fingal’s Cave.

**Personal, Social, Citizenship & Health Education**

We will look at ‘Health and Wellbeing’ with a particular focus on Healthy lifestyles, including diet, and good mental health this term. We will also discuss the importance of expressing feelings and talking to trusted adults.

**Physical Education**

This half-term, 5/6K will be taught by a coach from Beth Tweddle Gymnastics who will help us to develop our gymnastics skills both on and off apparatus. In Autumn 2, we will be taking swimming lessons at EPSV.

**Religious Education**

This term we will look at what we can learn from Christian religious buildings and music. We will learn about celebrations, worship, pilgrimages and rituals which mark important points in life and reflect on ideas.

**Art & Design Technology**

In Art, the children will be studying the work of Antoni Gaudi. We’ll be exploring what architects are how we can become one in the future. In DT, we will be learning about what it takes to become an engineer by learning about mechanics.

**Visits and visitors**

We are looking forward to welcoming more visitors into school this term, as well as spending some days out of school on educational visits. More information about this will be provided soon.

**History & Geography (Humanities)**

In Geography, we will focus on why the world has different time zones. We will develop map reading skills and use atlases to identify and locate a variety of geographical features. We will plan a journey across the world. In History, we will study the changes the Saxons brought to Britain. We will develop our research skills by using different sources to find out the differences between the Romans and the Saxons.

**Computing**

In Computing, the children will learn how to stay safe on the internet and social media. They will investigate all the ways to protect themselves and how to report any concerning behaviour. Additionally, they will learn to code by designing their own algorithms and exploring ‘what if’ questions by planning different scenarios for controlled devices.

**English**

During the Autumn Term, we have begun our poetry unit learning ‘The Song of Hiawatha’ by Henry Wadsworth, which is a poem about a young fictional Native American character named Hiawatha and has a strong link with the natural world. Then we will be reading ‘Race to the Frozen North’ alongside ‘Young, Gifted and Black’ by Jamia Wilson which is a collection of biographies about famous Black people who have contributed to our society in the past, present, and future. Our poem for Autumn 2 will be ‘The Moon’ where we will produce our own descriptive poems about the Moon. The final book for the Autumn Term will be ‘Beowulf’ by Michael Morpurgo where at the end of the unit we will be writing a further adventure for Beowulf. Each week in Shared Reading we’ll explore a different short text and work through a variety of the reading domains including retrieval, sequencing, and inference. Reading aloud and discussion will be a feature of every lesson.

**Maths**

This term, we will work on place value, including Roman numerals. They will also expand their knowledge of the four operations. All children will carry on learning their times tables, aiming for instant recall. Year 5 will also learn about perimeters and areas while Year 6 learn about fractions. We will also continue to focus on developing the quality of explanations in reasoning and problem-solving activities for all children. Further to this, we will be consolidating some learning from previous year for geometry, including shape and measure.

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**Science**

At the start of the term, we will be learning that living things produce similar offspring and that plants and animals are suited to their environment in different ways. We will look at how animals and plants have evolved over time. After, we will learn about the movement of the Earth and other planets and investigate why we have nights and days. We will work scientifically throughout the units, planning, carrying out our own experiments, recording and analysing our findings.