

Diverse Britain

As part of our Diverse Britain curriculum, the class will be learning about the role and contribution of immigration in London today. We will be defining key terms such as 'immigrant', 'migration' and 'refugee' as well as reflecting on push and pull factors associated with migration. The children will learn about The Windrush generation and their experience of migrating to Britain in 1948. Following this, the class will learn about how stories of immigration have shaped the rich identity, culture and diversity of London as a city and more specifically, the area of Peckham.

RE and Values

In RE, we will be answering the question:

'What happens in church at Easter?'

We will be investigating how the Christian church celebrates Easter in the lead up to the Easter holidays.

We will be doing Values lessons every Friday as well as a 'screen-free' activity while the children are still learning from home.

Every Friday, we will have a values lesson. Our Values topic is called: '[Healthy me](#)'. We will be learning about how to maintain our physical and mental health during a range of situations and reflecting on strategies we have used recently to stay healthy.

Homework

Homework will be uploaded to [Google classrooms](#) every week as usual. You are now fantastic at logging into Google classrooms. If Google classroom log in details are ever forgotten, they are always in the front of your homework book. Please record homework in homework books and return this on [Tuesdays](#) in school.

Every four weeks, children will complete a spelling test of ten words which will be based on the learnt spelling rule.



St John and St James C of E Primary School Class Newsletter

Hello Year 5!

You have been doing some fantastic online learning this term and I cannot wait until we see each other physically in school again.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who have been helping with your online learning during this time.

Curriculum overview

We will be doing reading, writing and maths every day. Each afternoon we will be focussing on a wider curriculum subject area. An overview of these are:

- Week 1—History
- Week 2—Geography
- Week 3—Science week
- Week 4—Diverse Britain
- Week 5—STEAM week
- Week 6—RE

When school reopens to all children on the 8th March, accelerated [reading \(AR\)](#) is on a [Monday](#) and [PE](#) is on a [Friday](#).

Humanities

In [history](#), we will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks and comparing this to the modern world. We will be analysing Greek artefacts through historical enquiries, researching Greek democracy and learning about the first Olympic Games!

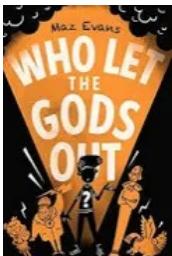
In [geography](#), we will be developing our Geography skills. We will be locating famous rivers and mountain ranges on a map, using 6 figure grid references and explaining what the Northern and Southern Hemispheres are.



English

Our class reader this half term is:

'Who let the Gods out'
by Maz Evans



This half term, Year 5 will base their writing on the Ancient Greeks which they have been learning about through Google classrooms.

We will be writing a setting description about an Ancient Greek marathon battle.

Our **SPAG** focuses will be:

- Using semi-colons
- Using -ing and -ed expanded starters
- Using embedded -ing and -ed clauses
- Using figurative language

As a class focus, Year 5 are working on their spellings. This half term, we will be focussing spellings using 'ough' and 'augh' rules as well as words with silent letters.

Science Week



When schools reopen to all children, it is also British science week! This week, Year 5 will be completing a science project all about the **science of sound**. Through enquiry-based learning, the children will be answering the following questions:

- What makes a sound?
- What is the structure of the human ear?
- What is the effect of distance on volume?
- What is pitch?
- Why are some materials better at providing sound insulation?

More fun science investigations and competitions to do at home can be found on the British Science Week website:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

Maths

The fundamental that we will be focusing on this half term is:

Fractions, Decimals & Percentages -

- *Read, write & compare decimal numbers, fractions & percentages
- *Know the percentage & decimal equivalent of: $1/2$, $1/4$, $1/5$, $2/5$, $4/5$
- +, - proper fractions with denominators that are multiples and X mixed numbers by whole numbers.

When you're at home, this is also the perfect opportunity to practice telling the time and converting this into the 24 hour clock.

Keep signing into Times

Tables Rockstars to practice your times tables! Your username and password is in the front of your homework book.



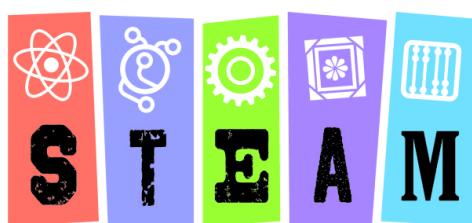
STEAM Week

This half term, our STEAM focus is 'Food' and Year 5 will be baking biscuits!

First, we will be researching different biscuit recipes and a variety of baking techniques from our key baker for the unit, Mary Berry.

Next, we will plan a recipe (including all the equipment necessary to bake the biscuits).

As a class, we will then bake and taste the biscuits before critically evaluating them.



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