

Diverse Britain

Our class will be learning about the role and contribution of immigration in London today.

We will learn specifically 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.

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. All Google classroom log ins are 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!

I hope you had a wonderful half term break and are ready for all the learning you will be doing this half term.

Home reading

All children have an AR book and a reading record.

Children should be reading every day at home and recording a summary or comment of their reading in their reading records.

Year five have time in the library to change their AR book every Wednesday and the library is open at lunchtimes daily for children to take extra AR tests or to do some extra reading.

STEAM Week

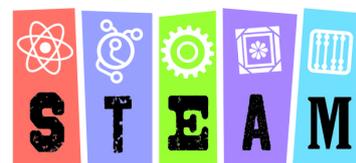
This half term, our STEAM focus is 'Food' and Year 5 will be baking biscuits!

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.

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

Following this, we will evaluate our biscuits to what extent they meet a design criteria.

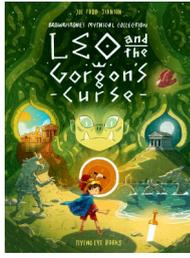


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English

We will be continue reading our class text this half term, which is:

'Leo and the Gorgon's Curse'



The children will be writing a biography all about a Greek God.

Our **SPAG focuses** will be:

- Using relative clauses
- Using -ed expanded starters
- Using brackets, commas and dashes to punctuate parenthesis

As a class focus, Year 5 are working on their spellings. This half term, we will be focussing on spellings using the 'ough' sound and words which use silent letters.

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.

In Year five, all children should be fluent when recalling their times tables.

Keep signing into Times Tables Rockstars at home for times tables practise. Usernames and passwords are in the front of homework books.



Science

Our science unit this half term is:

'Properties and changes'

Our enquiry-based science curriculum means that we will be asking and answering questions practically about the following areas:

- The properties of everyday materials
- Separating mixtures
- Reversible changes
- Irreversible changes



It is British Science Week from the 11-20th March. We will be celebrating this in school and you can find more fun science activities to do at home can be found on the British Science Week website:

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

Humanities

The Greeks—What is their impact on today's society'

This history unit is all about the influence the Greeks had on the modern world.

We will be looking at Greek artefacts, learning about the Olympic games, understanding Greek mythology and analysing some of Ancient Greek pottery.

We will also be carrying out an exciting class debate about the role of women in Ancient Greece.

PE

Year five will be focusing on High 5 netball. They will be learn sending and receiving skills, positioning and footwork.

PE is on a Wednesday afternoon.