



Topic Learning Letter

Year Five

Topic	We have a big Geography focus this term. We begin by exploring climate change and then move onto rivers.
Launch and Land	We will launch our topic by looking at videos and headlines released by NASA, revealing current concerns about the state of our planet. We will land our topic by sharing our climate change banners with others to highlight the issues that our world is facing.
Trips / Visitors	We will be visiting the Science Stem Centre at the end of the term where children will design and make wacky mars rovers to race, be taken on a trip through the galaxy in a space themed show and participate in a bridge building activity within groups.
English	Our focus this term will be on narrative with an emphasis on suspense. After half term, our class focus will be settings whereby we look at lost and found narrative. You can help your child by discussing the plot of their favourite books. We will then move on to looking at information texts and poetry.
Maths	We will be continuing with our work on decimals. This will include adding and subtracting. Then we will move onto measurements and shape, working on area, perimeter, volume, time and problem solving and revisiting the four number operations. You could practice telling the time with your child to assist with this. Developing fluency and accuracy in applying times tables remains a focus.
Science	We will be looking at life cycles and animal habitats. After half term, our topic will be animals including humans. Here, we will be talking about changes that occur during puberty. More information about this will be available nearer the time.
History/Geography	It is a Geography focus this term as we develop our understanding of climate change and rivers.
Design and Technology / Art	We will be designing and making our own pastries this term where we will be looking at using seasonal fruit. After half term, we will be building bridges. You can support your child with this by pointing out the structural features of any bridges that you come across.
Music	For the first half of the term, we will be exploring carnival music followed by radio jingles.
PSHE	In PSHE the focus will be on relationships and being a responsible member of the community. We will then move on to Changing Me, which links to our puberty work in Science.
RE	We will be continuing to follow our new RE programme by looking at RE through different lenses and asking the following questions: What difference does the resurrection make to Christians? (Christian) and How do Hindus make sense of the world? (Hindu).
Reminders	Year 5 will be swimming on Mondays for the first half of the term. PE day will be Thursday. On this day, the children should come to school wearing their PE kits. There will be a second PE lesson after half term; the day will be confirmed via Parentmail.

If you have any questions or concerns at all please talk to one of the Year Five Team.