

Years 5 and 6- Autumn 1

What is my child learning this term?

This half term, the children's class novel will be *The Storm Keeper's Island*.



What is the book about?

Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and keep its magic safe from enemies. The time has come for Fionn's grandfather, a secretive and eccentric old man, to step down. Soon, a new Keeper will rise. But, deep underground, someone has been waiting for Fionn.

English (Reading)	English (Writing)	Mathematics	Science
<p>The children will be focusing on a number of different reading skills including: retrieval, summary, inference and understand vocabulary choices. We will cover a wide range of texts about topics ranging from the Olympics to Black History Month.</p> <p>We will also be discussing our class book: <i>The Island Keeper's Island</i>.</p>	<p>This half term the children will be writing a fictional piece of writing based on the book <i>Zoo</i> by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge.</p> <p>They will also be writing a balanced argument using information from the book <i>Rewilding</i> by David A. Steen and <i>Neon Squid</i>. They will be answering the question: Should beavers be released into the wild?</p>	<p>Week 1: Understand tenths as part of a whole. Represent and calculate mentally.</p> <p>Week 2: Compose and calculate with decimals, including column addition and subtraction.</p> <p>Week 3: Understand hundredths as part of a whole and represent.</p> <p>Week 4: Use knowledge of decimals to solve problems of decimals in different contexts: length. Week 5: Money: apply efficient strategies when calculating with money.</p>	<p>Unit Title: Living things and their habitats</p> <p>'Living Things and Their Habitats' unit will teach your class about the process of reproduction and the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. The children will explore reproduction in different plants, including different methods of pollination and asexual reproduction.</p>
PE Indoor	DT	Music	Computing
<p>Circuits</p> <p>This unit will focus on a range of different types of exercise. Children will learn about exercise guidelines and will consider the benefits of different types of exercise on their mental and physical wellbeing.</p> <p>They will learn about safe exercise practices, and healthy ways to exercise for full wellbeing.</p>	<p>Bridges</p> <p>The children will test and analyse various types of bridge to determine their strength and stability. Explore material properties and sources, before marking, sawing and assembling a wooden truss bridge.</p>	<p>Blues</p> <p>Children will be introduced to this famous genre of music and its history, and learn to identify the key features and mood of Blues music and its importance and purpose. They also get to grips with the 12-bar Blues and the Blues scale, and combine these to create an improvised piece with a familiar, repetitive backing.</p>	<p>Spreadsheets</p> <p>In our unit, children will simple formulae that use different variables.</p> <p>Children will use a spreadsheet to model a real-life situation and come up with solutions that can be practically applied.</p>
PSHE	French	Geography	PE Outdoor
<p>Families and relationships</p> <p>This half term children will be learning to resolve conflict, through negotiation and compromise; about respect, understanding that everyone deserves to be respected and about grief.</p>	<p>In My French House</p> <p>Pupils will learn how to describe a house, the different rooms and who lives there. They also learn about prepositions to explain where items are arranged in their bedrooms and consolidate the grammar and vocabulary they have learned by writing a letter to describe their family, home and bedroom.</p>	<p>Raging Rivers</p> <p>The children will find out more about why rivers are so important to the towns and villages that have developed on their banks. By looking at the features of rivers, and the natural and human ways that rivers change over time, children will explore the life stories of rivers. Children will learn the names and locations of the major rivers of the UK and the world.</p>	<p>Netball</p> <p>This unit will teach your class the skills players need to play both in defence and attack. The children will learn how to pass and catch the ball using a range of techniques. Defensively, they will develop their skills of marking, including one-on-one marking. Offensively, they will learn how to get free from a defender using skills such as the dodge and straight lead run and the skill of pivoting.</p>