

Years 5 and 6- Autumn 2

What is my child learning this term?



English (Reading)	English (Writing)	Mathematics	Science
<p>In reading this half term the children will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction covering:</p> <p>Around the world: Egypt (linked to our Ancient Egyptian history unit)</p> <p>Macbeth – Shakespeare focus (linked to the Lichfield Garrick workshops)</p> <p>Tinsel and How the Grinch Stole Christmas (linked to Christmas)</p>	<p>The children will be writing a biography linked to our 'Ancient Egyptian' history unit.</p> <p>Children will also be writing a themed narrative that is linked to our class book – Thornhill.</p>	<p>Year 5: Negative numbers Multiplication by partitioning, leading to short multiplication, 2 digit by 1 digit and 3 digit by 1 digit.</p> <p>Year 6: Comparing fractions Adding and subtracting fractions Multiplying and dividing fractions Calculating fractions of amounts Converting fractions, decimals and percentages Calculating percentages of amounts</p>	<p>Electricity</p> <p>Children will learn to represent circuits using symbols in a diagram. They will learn about two of the most important scientific inventors in the field of electricity – Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla. Children will get the opportunity to develop their understanding of what electricity is and how to measure it.</p>
History	Art and Design	RE	Music
<p>The Ancient Egyptians</p> <p>The children will be learning about the achievements of this ancient civilisation. They will learn about how and where the ancient Egyptians lived, what was important to the daily lives of ancient Egyptians, who Tutankhamun was and how mummies were made. The children will also learn about how Egyptian people used hieroglyphs to communicate and compare the powers of different gods.</p>	<p>Painting and Mixed Media: Portraits</p> <p>Investigating self-portraits by a range of artists, children use photographs of themselves as a starting point for developing their own unique self-portraits in mixed-media.</p>	<p>The Christmas Story</p> <p>The children will explore the Christmas story in depth looking for differences and similarities in the two accounts within the Bible. The children will investigate traditions associated with celebrating Christmas both here and around the world.</p>	<p>Composition notation</p> <p>In this unit, which is based on the theme of Ancient Egypt, children will learn to identify the pitch and rhythm of written notes and experiment with notating their compositions, developing their understanding of staff notation.</p>
PSHE	French	Computing	PE (Outdoors)
<p>Safety and the Changing Body</p> <p>The children will learn how to be critical digital consumers; understand that online relationships should be treated the same as face to face relationships; understand how to deal with first aid emergencies such as bleeding and giving life support; learn about puberty and menstruation (Y5) and conception, pregnancy and birth (Y6)</p>	<p>French football champions</p> <p>In this unit children will be practising language. They will be developing reading, speaking and listening skills through a football-related theme; responding to questions about football players; writing football player profiles in French.</p>	<p>Spreadsheets continued</p> <p>The children will use previously taught knowledge to introduce some basic data formulae for percentages, averages and max and min numbers. They will learn how the use of spreadsheets can save time and effort when performing calculations. They will use a spreadsheet to model a situation and then demonstrate how a spreadsheet can make</p>	<p>Indoors: Dance (Electricity)</p> <p>The children will develop the skill of improvisation; how to react appropriately to different stimuli; how to move with precision, control and fluency; how to use movement to demonstrate an idea. Children will end the unit by creating a dance phrase to represent their own take on 'The Journey of a Spark'.</p>

complex data clear by manipulating the way it is presented. They will use a spreadsheet to create a variety of graphs in sheets.

Outdoors: This 'Invasion Games' unit recaps on the fundamental skills needed to play a range of invasion games, such as dribbling with the ball, passing and keeping possession. It also covers attacking skills, such as shooting and changing direction with the ball in football using the drag back and stop turn. Defending skills such as shadowing and tackling are also covered.

How can I support my child's progress at home?

Support your child with daily reading, spelling practise using their weekly and statutory spellings (found in their spelling diaries) and times table practise using Times Tables Rockstars.

Further enrichment during the Autumn term includes:

Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day

Tuesday 19th November – Lichfield Garrick Shakespeare workshops for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 3rd December - VR Workshop for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 5th December – Christmas performance

Monday 16th December –Christmas Carol Service Rehearsal

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Carol Service