

# Years 5 and 6- Spring 1

## What is my child learning this term?

This half term, the children's writing will be linked to Michael Morpurgo's 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.

Kensuke's Kingdom is an adventure story, which tells of how a young boy (named Michael) mysteriously disappears the night before his twelfth birthday. The next morning, Michael finds himself washed up on a beach on a remote island with a bowl of water and some grilled fish next to him.



English (Reading)	English (Writing)	Mathematics	Science
The children will be reading a range of different texts about: birds, islands linked to Kensuke's Kingdom and the Chinese New Year.	The children will write the following based on Michael's adventures in 'Kensuke's Kingdom': Non-Chronological report and an adventure narrative.	<p><b>Year 5</b></p> <p>W1: Multiplying Numbers W2-4: Division W5-6: Area</p> <p><b>Year 6</b></p> <p>W1: Number: Percentages W2: Number: Ratio W3: Number: Multiplying and Dividing Decimals W4: Converting Units of Measure W5: Area and Perimeter W6: Volume</p>	<p>Living Things and Their Habitats</p> <p>The children will be able to describe how living things can be classified into groups according to common observable characteristics based on similarities and differences including micro-organisms, plants and animals.</p>
History	Art and Design	Computing	Music
<p>The Early Islamic Civilisation</p> <p>The children will learn about the cultural and economic significance of Baghdad and explain how its geographical location was important. They will also learn about the impact of early Islamic inventions and discoveries made on the wider world and be able to explain this.</p>	<p>Making My Voice Heard</p> <p>The children will create powerful drawings to convey a message and make their voices heard while taking inspiration from the Ancient Maya to modern-day street art. Children look at how artists convey a message by exploring imagery, symbols, expressive mark making, and 'chiaroscuro'.</p>	<p>Online Safety</p> <p>The children will learn about privacy seals on sites. They will develop an understanding of appropriate online behaviour and how this can protect themselves and others.</p>	<p>Composition to represent the festival of colour (Theme: Holi festival)</p> <p>The children will be exploring the associations between music, sounds and colour; composing and performing their own musical composition to represent Holi, the Hindu festival of colour that celebrates the beginning of spring and the triumph over good and evil.</p>
PSHE	French	PE (Indoors)	PE (Outdoors)
<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>The children will be learning to take greater responsibility for sleep, sun safety, healthy eating and managing feelings; setting goals and embracing failure; understanding the importance of rest and relaxation.</p>	<p>In my French house</p> <p>Pupils will learn how to describe a house, the different rooms and who lives there. They will 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>Gymnastics: Shape and Balance</p> <p>The children will learn and perform individual point balances and partner balances. They will also perform some rhythmic gymnastics and learn how to create a range of shapes with their bodies, both on the floor and on apparatus.</p>	<p>Striking and Fielding: Cricket and Rounders</p> <p>The children will learn how to catch, throw and bat across different distances with accuracy as well as developing their fielding skills by learning how to 'attack the ball'. They will develop their skills of cooperation and working as a team to help to prevent the opposition from scoring points.</p>

### 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.

Please be advised that Geography, Design and Technology and Religious Education will be taught during Spring Term 2.

