

English

In our writing lessons, we will be writing our own desert themed poems and writing disaster stories set in the desert. The grammar features we will continue to use in our writing will be semicolons, relative clauses, cohesion between paragraphs and parenthesis. We will also write a newspaper report based around a sandstorm disaster.

This half term, we will continue with our class novel 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. We will be using our reading skills to explore the text in detail and answer different styles of questions relating to these. In our Forensic Reading sessions we will explore the story 'Once' set during WW2.

Maths

Children will have the opportunity this half term to develop their understanding of:

- Fractions
- Multiplication and Division

RE

This half term we will explore the term 'forgiveness'. What it means to forgive someone, to be sorry and to reconcile. As well as this we will recognize the festivals of Diwal and Christmas.

Music

In Music, we will be exploring musical beats through the topic of 'At the Movies'.

Geography

This half term, for our first geography topic of Year 5, we will be investigating hot desert biomes and learning about the physical features of a desert. The children will consider how humans interact with these environments and the threats facing deserts. We will compare our local area to the Mojave Desert.

Spellings

Year 5 are focusing heavily on improving their spellings and in the next half term there will be a focus on:

- Word ending in 'ibly' and 'ably'
- Word ending in 'ent' and 'ence'
- The 'ee' sound spelt 'ei'
- Words ending in 'ant', 'ance' and 'ancy'

Computing

This half term, the children will spend time using Purple Mash coding software to learn how to code efficiently, simulate a physical system, introduce strings and how to use friction and functions.

Deserts



PSHE

This half term, the children will be exploring how money is managed in our society. They will learn about banking, the value of money, debt and setting appropriate budgets.

Modern Foreign Languages

The children will learn about the topic 'Je suis le musicien', in which they will learn how to say and talk about a variety of musical instruments. Children will also continue to have a Mandarin lesson each week with a specialist.

PE

We will be developing key skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, attacking and defending in football. We will also begin to work on our fitness skills. Over the half term we will work on how long we can sustain activities for and monitor our progress.

Science

Our science topic for the half-term will be 'Feel the Force' where the children will use the Snap Science scheme to learn about:

- gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction
- what makes things move
- levers
- lifting heavy loads

Art

In Art, the children will be creating self-portraits using inspirational words and messages. We will use different media to create these. They will also improve their mastery of art and design techniques such as drawing and painting.

