

## ENGLISH

In English, the children will look at persuasive texts. They will concentrate on letter writing, an essential life skill. Pupils will start by analysing existing letters and advertisements to understand the characteristics of persuasive writing. The focus will then be to utilise the key features we have identified to compose persuasive letters, about Earth and Space, our science topic. Children will plan and write a letter to convince their readers to either embark on a space exploration mission or not.

## History

History this term will focus on the Indus Valley. Pupils will learn about the significance of the discoveries made by archaeologists and how these inform what we know about the area. They will research what daily life would have been like for the Indus people, including jobs and hobbies.

## PE

The areas of PE Year 5 will be learning are dance and netball. The children will learn Bollywood dance techniques, creating routines for groups. In netball they will learn how to pass the ball with strength and how to play games more effectively by positioning themselves closely to the opponent they are marking.

## PSHE

Over this half-term, children will be thinking about the topic 'Dreams and Goals'. Pupils will be encouraged to think about the goals they wish to set themselves. They will also be thinking about their dreams for the world and considering the work of charities.

## MUSIC

Pupils will dedicate their efforts to enhancing singing pitch accuracy and will continue to refine their guitar skills – with a particular emphasis on playing with precision. Furthermore, the children will opportunity to learn a traditional Chinese song - Mo Li Hua (Jasmine Flower).

## FRENCH

This term's topic is shopping in France. Pupils will develop food-related vocabulary and build on their understanding of sentence structure through games and stories.

## MATHEMATICS

Mathematics this half-term will focus on a deeper investigation into multiplication and division. The concepts of factors and multiples, as well as square, cubed and prime numbers will be introduced to children. Furthermore, pupils will learn how to calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles and composite shapes. They will learn how to work out these measurements and use them to solve problems in the real world.

## COMPUTING

Pupils will explore web technologies, applying their coding lessons to HTML. Linking with science, they will learn that they need to adapt desktop publishing skills for the successful creation of a multipage website about their favourite planet in the solar system.

## RE

In RE, Year 5 will explore stories from a range of religious traditions such as the stories of Adam and Eve, Bilal and Buddha. They will be encouraged to look for levels of meaning and to apply what they have learnt to their own experiences.

## SCIENCE

In our 'Earth and Space' science topic, spanning the entire term, children will delve into the mysteries of our solar system. They will explore the diverse planets in our galaxy, understanding their unique orbits around the Sun and unravelling the phenomena of day and night. This learning journey will be enriched by a planned visit to the Royal Observatory, to spark their curiosity and deepen their appreciation of our vast solar system.

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