

Year 5

St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'



Summer 2 - Learning Overview

The Hooks

1 - Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan



To engage the class in our continued topic on Ancient Greece, it will be announced that the *Master Lightning Bolt*—a powerful symbolic artefact—has been stolen, and the prime suspect is in the classroom. The children will receive evidence packs, analyse clues, and build a case using inference, deduction, and textual evidence.

What we will be teaching:

English:

This half term, Year 5 will be focusing on consolidating their understanding of composition through sentence structure. Through a series of short learning journeys, pupils will explore, practise and apply a range of sentence types and structures to enhance the quality and effectiveness of their writing. They will develop confidence in selecting and using different sentence forms for purpose and impact, helping them to write with greater accuracy and variety.

Maths:

During this term we will work through units on: Decimals/percentages/fractions, multiplication/division, and revising multiplying fractions and shape with volume.

History/Geography:

This term there is a focus on History. The class will complete a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the Western World

Science:

During Summer 2, the class will tackle the question: How do nutrients get to where they are needed in the body? They will be learning about the importance of oxygen for survival. They will explore how

oxygen is breathed into the lungs and transported around the body in the blood. Children will also investigate how muscles rely on a constant supply of oxygen and glucose (sugar) to help them work effectively, particularly during physical activity.

ART/DT:

This term the focus continues on Art. Year 5 continues to explore drawings and sculpture work inspired by ancient Greece. This understanding will be applied to sculpture work and printing.

RE:

During Summer 2 Dragonflies will continue to develop their understanding of both Islam and christianity, this time through the theme of rites of passage: The Journey of Life.

Computing:

In this unit children will discover how to write programs that ask questions and use selection to control the outcomes based on the answers given. They will design a quiz in response to a given task and implement it as a program. They will then evaluate their programs against given criteria.

PE:

Unit 1 is swimming. Children will develop their water confidence as well as learning water safety. They will also learn/practise different swimming strokes with the goal of being able to swim a 25m length by the end of the term. The second unit is continuing with athletics with a focus on both field and track events. The class will practise a range of jumps and throws as well as how different track races demand different skills and strategies.

French:

In French during Summer 2, the children will explore: Likes/Dislikes, Hobbies, Visiting a French café and Bastille Day (French National Day).

Music:

Our Summer 2 unit is based around musicals. The children will develop their understanding and appreciation of musicals as well as rehearsing and performing as part of the year 5 and 6 production of Mary Poppins.

Messages to parents:

Fort Purbrook Trip:

A reminder that you can drop off your child from 08:20 on the morning of the trip. This has been made earlier than last year as we understand that organising this alongside dropping siblings can be difficult.

This should allow 30 mins before school drop off enabling all children to be on time. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Young.

Swimming:

Thank you for organising and helping your children to prepare for swimming lessons this half term. Although we were sadly unable to do swimming this week, every single child was sensible, ready and prepared. Due to this, we have added an additional day of swimming.

Swimming dates are as follows:

10/06/26

17/06/26

24/06/26

01/07/26

08/07/26

15/07/26

PE days:

Outdoor = Monday

Swimming = Wednesday

Remember to check the St John's jottings weekly for dates of upcoming events in school. This is emailed each Friday and is designed to keep our community up-to-date on important events in school.

As always, please contact us if you need any support with your child, as working in partnership is so important to us.

The Year 5 Team

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