

Literacy:
Reading -Our adopted author for this term will be JK Rowling and we will be looking at both The Philosopher's Stone and Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (A Hogwarts Library book).
Writing - The first two weeks will be spent writing a persuasive letter to Newt Scamander asking him to include our own fantastic beast into his famous book. We will then be writing our own warning stories including flashbacks. Finally, the term will finish with some poetry based on The Jaberwocky.
Spelling -We will be continuing with the Year 5 spelling curriculum including prefixes, suffixes and homophones.

Maths:
Addition and Subtraction: Using both written and mental methods for adding and subtracting larger numbers in multi-step problems including for measurement and shape (perimeter).
Fractions, decimals and percentages: This is a heavy topic in Year 5 so please support as and when possible at home. The class will learn about improper fractions and know how to compare fractions whose denominators are different (but are all multiples of the same number). They will secure their knowledge of equivalent fractions and will be introduced to the percentage symbol.

Science: Finishing 'Properties and Changes of Materials' then a short unit on 'Animals, including humans'.
 -Using knowledge of solids, liquids and gases.
 -Comparing dissolving and melting.
 -Working with solutions and mixtures.
 -Reversible and irreversible changes.
 -Describing the changes as humans develop to old age (including changes through puberty).



Reading:
 Please aim to hear your child read daily and be sure to ask questions to challenge their understanding.



Year 5 - Spring 1
Topic: Beast Creator

RE:
 -Prayer and Worship; What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?
 -Salvation; What do Christians believe Jesus did to save human beings?



Other subjects:
 ICT - Year 5 will have their ICT sessions every Monday for this term with Mr Harris.
 PE - Children will need their PE kit on Mondays and Fridays. We will be starting Dance and Gymnastics.
 Cooking - This will follow the whole school focus of 'muffins'.

Trips/Visitors/Events:
 Topic Express Event: This will be in collaboration with the Film Festival. Children will create their own films for screening at the festival. Listen out for details!
 We will also be exploring our local environments to investigate different habitats.
 Professional coaches will be in school to teach different sporting skills and lead activities.
 'St Mary's Got Talent' auditions will be coming up this half term.

Topic: Beast Creator
 Biology, Geography and DT focussed:
 Studying insects and other minibeasts and their habitats, origin and their place within the animal kingdom.
 We will also explore this topic through music, drama and art.



