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Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

Welcome to Year 5 and the Autumn Term! This newsletter will outline the areas which the children will be covering during the Autumn Term.

English

This term has started off with 'One Trust One Story' where every class in every school of the trust has studied The Tin Forest. This short unit incorporates developing fluent reading of the text with writing a diary entry based on the main character's experiences. Next up will be the spooky picture book, Wolves in the Walls. We will be writing our own version of the story. After that, and continuing on the Wolves theme, we will be reading the text 'Eye of the Wolf' and we will writing narrative from another character's perspective.

Maths

Year 5 begin with a focus on place value. As the term progresses, children will build on their existing knowledge to develop their calculation skills. They will learn to multiply and divide using numbers with 4- and 2-digits. This will extend to solving problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and a combination of these. When looking at fractions, decimals and percentages, we will add and subtract fractions with the same and different denominators, reinforcing our knowledge of equivalent fractions. The children will move on to converting between different units of metric measure (for example, kilometer and metre; centimeter and metre; litre and millilitre) and converting between metric and imperial units (for example, inches, pounds and pints). In geometry, we will learn to identify 3-D shapes from 2-D representations, including cubes and cuboids.

Creative Curriculum

The main focus for this term will be World War 2. We will be developing our historical understanding of the key events including the outbreak of war, the Blitz what life was like on the home-front and the effect of the war on children. In Geography, we will be developing our locational knowledge of UK and Europe and linking this in with related locations from WW2. We will learn more about the local geography of Wolverhampton and how the land use in the city has changed over time. In Art, we will be learning how to do silhouette art and create a piece that links to the Blitz and in DT we will be making an Anderson Shelter.

Science

Year 5 will be looking at the topic 'Properties and changes in materials' this term.

Children will test materials for a range of properties including magnetism, absorbency and strength. They will investigate thermal insulators and conductors and learn about how dissolving occurs. They will also learn about reversible and irreversible changes and use different techniques including sieving and evaporation to separate mixtures

RE

Children will be exploring what we can learn about temptation from other religions. This unit enables pupils to engage thoughtfully with questions of good and evil and right and wrong. The focus is on Islamic and Christian understandings of good and evil and provides for dramatic, musical and personal ways of learning.

PE

Physical Education lessons this term are on a Monday and Tuesday and we will be focusing on Netball and Cricket. We will be developing our throwing and catching skills and learning strategies for attacking and defending. In Cricket, we will be practicing throwing, striking and fielding.

Mr Johnston and Mrs Watkins

