Summer 2
Year 5

English

Our sessions in English this half term are going to be about the book ‘The Last Wild’ by Piers Torday.

Narrative:
The Last Wild is an exciting tale of a boy with extraordinary talents. The children will be exploring this text in lessons and responding to the story by writing diaries, letters and retellings. We will be focusing specifically on our use of technical accuracy when writing with a big push on spelling in context (not just in spelling tests!).

Discussion:
Children will learn the techniques of writing a discussion text. They will plan and research contrasting points of view on a particular issue using technical vocabulary and formal language that shows a balanced argument.

Letter writing:
During our Save the World topic, the children wrote letters. They will be using the skills acquired to write letters to their new Year 6 teachers.

Maths

Here is an overview of the areas and key objectives of the Maths Curriculum we will be covering this half term.

Fractions (multiplication and division):
Multiply proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers, supported by materials and diagrams

Units of Measure:
- Convert between different units of metric measure (for example, kilometre and metre; centimetre and metre; centimetre and millimetre; gram and kilogram; litre and millilitre)
- Understand and use approximate equivalences between metric units and common imperial units such as inches, pounds and pints
- Use all four operations to solve problems involving measure using decimal notation, including scaling.

3D Shapes:
- Identify 3-D shapes, including cubes & other cuboids, from 2-D representations
- Estimate volume and capacity

Time:
Solve problems involving converting between units of time

Transformations:
Identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation, using the appropriate language, and know that the shape has not changed.

Topic

We will continue to focus on Mexico as our topic this term, however we will be looking more closely at the history of the country and the Mayans.

Key objectives covered will be:
- Developing a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of world history
- Looking at connections, contrasts and trends over time
- Devising and answering questions about historical periods
- Understanding how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.

Please note:
This is an overview of our half term ahead and only contains the headlines from the children’s varied curriculum. As the teaching and learning commences, teachers will make adaptations as and when is necessary.

Please talk to your child’s class teacher or speak to any member of the SLT if you are unsure of any aspects of the curriculum.

Thanks,
Danielle and Sophie
The Year 5 Team.