

English

Our work in English this half term will link directly with our Value and History themes of family and the Wallsend Shipyards. We will consider two writing genres:

Biographies & Autobiographies

Writing in the role of or on behalf of someone connected with the shipbuilding industry—we will detail what life was like and the importance of Wallsend to the world.

Newspaper Articles/ Journalistic Writing

The shipyards of the North East had a huge impact on the surrounding areas and the world—we will consider catchy headlines and detailed descriptions of the big events.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Each Friday the class will take part in Grammar focused English lessons with Mrs Gibbins. The sessions this half term will work on the many different tense types.



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History

This half term, our learning will be underpinned by the value of 'Family' - we are combining this with our local history study of the Wallsend Shipyards. We will investigate the family lives of those connected with the shipyards—leading to our work being presented in the Discovery Museum!

Maths

Through a wide variety of activities we will be focusing mostly on Number this half term. We will look at the value of digits in numbers, including decimals and investigate what happens to these numbers when we add, subtract, divide and multiply. We will look at estimation, inverse operations (the opposite calculation) in order to ensure our answers are accurate. Through a variety of reasoning and problem solving activities, we will also investigate Roman Numerals.

Reading

Reading in Year 5/6 is both included in English lessons and taught in separate guided reading sessions. The class will develop their reading confidence and inference and deduction abilities this half term.

R.E.

Mrs Gibbins will teach Year 5/6 RE this year. The topics this half term are Loving—which links nicely to our Family Value and Life choices which considers Confirmation.

Art / DT

Mrs Gibbins will be teaching art over the course of the year. This half term she will lead the class in exploring the work of the artist Lowry. This will be linked to the shipbuilding industry.



Computing

In our computing sessions this half term we will develop our 'Scratch' coding and programming abilities to make exciting quiz games.

Homework

Homework in Year 5/6 for the Autumn Term is set on a Thursday and should be returned the following Monday.

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Science

Keeping with our family theme—we will investigate evolution and inheritance this half term. Looking at how animals are adapted to their environments etc.

P.E.

This half term, the whole school will work on the indoor PE topic of Cheerleading! The class will work on rhythm and movement, putting together some routines towards the end of the unit. During our outdoor sessions we will develop our football skills. We will work on attacking and defensive techniques and progress to competitive games.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

There are regular extra curricular opportunities throughout the year, you will be informed through ParentMail.

French

French lessons this half term will include learning vocabulary around the theme 'About the town'. We will learn how to navigate and name buildings and locations.

Educational visits & Outdoor Learning

The class will be visiting the Discovery Museum twice this half term. To investigate & present!

SEAL

During our SEAL sessions we will look deeper into the Value of Family and love. Considering how families can be different.