

## English

After the success of our biographies and newspaper reports, English this half term will move from non-fiction to fiction. We will start with some narrative writing. In true British Christmas spirit, we will look at stories that bring joy and attempt to create some of our own. Providing there are no technical hitches, we will also try to bring our joy stories to life! We will work on describing characters and settings, varying our sentence types to keep readers engaged and use a wide variety of punctuation.

Following this, we will move on to some Christmas themed poetry. Through investigating different poets and their individual styles we will become poets ourselves and attempt to evoke a range of emotions to our readers. We will explore imagery, rhymes and other poetic devices to entertain and engage.

## Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Each Friday the class will take part in Grammar focused English lessons with Mrs Gibbins. The sessions over the next half term will look at word types and how to change them. (e.g. changing a noun or adjective to a verb)



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## Geography

The focus for Geography in Autumn 2 is 'Locational Knowledge'. Keeping with our theme of Joy, we will consider celebrations around the world and when they take place. Through looking at latitude and longitude and the equator, we will work out which seasons Christmas takes place in around the world. We will find out about the main countries in Asia, Australasia and Africa and look at the range of features the continents possess.

## Maths

During our maths sessions we will continue with a focus on 'number' - studying multiplication and division. We will work on formal methods as well as understanding the properties of different numbers, such as factors, multiples and whether or not a number is a 'prime'. We will then move on to fractions, from identifying to comparing, ordering to finding equivalents and eventually testing our multiplication and division skills on fractions too.

## Reading

We have loved our reading with 'RIC' sessions so far this year. This will carry on over the next half term where we will develop our retrieval, interpretation and understanding of choice skills. We will continue with our class text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar.

## R.E.

Mrs Gibbins will teach Year 5/6 RE this year. The topics this half term are Life choices and our advent topic expectations, which will prepare us for Christmas.

## Art / DT

The focus of D.T this half term is 'Make'. Again, keeping with our theme of Joy and our geography topic, Mrs Gibbins will help the children explore which foods are involved in celebrations around the world! The class will have a go at making and sampling many dishes—with hopefully enough for me to taste too!



## Computing

Our computing sessions will see us move from coding to manipulating and editing images. We will look at replicating and enhancing artwork as well as producing digital sculptures and creations.

## 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

Science this half term will be out of this world! Our lessons will see us looking at the shape of the earth, sun and moon, the distance between them and their differing features. This will help us with our geography studies too.

## P.E.

Following the success of our first half term of cheerleading—the class will continue to develop their routines and eventually perform them to each other to music—watch out for some videos on SeeSaw!

During our outdoor sessions, the class will finish off the football programme and move on to Tag Rugby!

## Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

## Educational visits & Outdoor Learning

Sticking with our theme of Joy—Year 5/6 will attempt to spread some Joy over the half term—look out for a ParentMail about a trip soon!

## French

Over the coming weeks we will conclude our work on 'Around the Town' and move on to the Christmas unit. We will explore conversation and writing skills including how to write a French Christmas list.

## SEAL

Our social and emotional aspects of learning topic will start with a focus on anti-bullying and will move on to 'Getting on and falling out'.