

CLASS 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



ENGLISH

Play Script



A playscript is a piece of writing written for the stage. Within a playscript there are characters and acts split into individual scenes.

We will read, write and perform some playscripts.

Poems with Figurative Language

We can use figurative language in poetry to help create a clear image in the reader's mind. We will learn some figurative language techniques including similes, metaphors and personification.

IMPORTANT DATES

School Library Bus: Friday 12th January

Parents' Evenings:

Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th March

ST MICHAEL'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 5

SPRING HALF TERM 1 2024

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DEAR PARENT

We hope that this newsletter provides you with some key information about what your child will be learning this half term and how you can support this at home.

PE will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Maths homework will be set weekly on Mathletics, logins for Mathletics are in reading records.

Please also encourage your child to learn their weekly spellings, spelling tests will be on Wednesdays. Spelling words to learn will be logged in reading records each week.

You can also support your child's learning at home by hearing them read and talking to them about what they are reading.

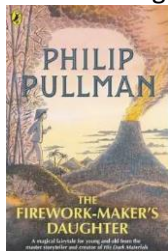
Please make sure reading records are signed and brought to school every day.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Lambert and Mrs Shennan (Class Teachers)

Recommended Reading for Pleasure

Our class reading book is The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman. Full of hilarious, loveable characters, this is the book they will want to read over and over again.



SCIENCE

What do we know about Earth and Space?



In Science we will provide the class with an opportunity for interesting topics for discussion, including the planets; the movement of the Sun, Earth and Moon; day and night; seasons and phases of the Moon.

MATHS

Fractions - this half term the children will be:

- Comparing and ordering fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number.
- Converting from mixed numbers to improper fractions.
- Adding and subtracting fractions whose denominators are multiples of the same number.
- Multiplying proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers.

Multiplication and Division - this half term the children will also be learning a variety of strategies for multiplying and dividing numbers. We will look at the practical methods and more formal written methods for recording our calculations.

GEOGRAPHY

What is life like in South America?



We will be finding out about the location and countries of South America. We will also learn about the climate, the physical and human geography and trade and industry there. We will conduct an in-depth study of an area of South America and compare it to an area in the UK.

RELIGION & WORLDVIEWS

Old Testament Women: Did she make the right choice?

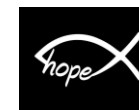


We will increase our knowledge and understanding of the role and significance of women in the Bible and in God's Big Story. We will reflect upon the actions of these women and consider what we can learn from their stories. We will explore the story of Esther and the Jewish festival of Purim.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

HOPE, COURAGE & ENDURANCE

Christian hope is a hope rooted in the love and faithfulness of God. Hope is not wishful thinking but a firm assurance that God can be relied upon.



'To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see.'

Hebrews 11:1

ART

What is Installation Art?



In Art, we will be learning about installation art. We will analyse different artworks including the works of Cai Guo-Qiang and create our own 3D artworks, creating the effect of large-scale space. We will plan and create our own installations that communicate an idea.

FRENCH

Knitted Knowledge and Super Skills

- I know what a homophone is.
- I know that some nouns in French are feminine and some are masculine.
- I can make an adjective agree with a feminine noun.
- I can use a new adverbial phrase: *dans les bois*.
- I can create a simple sentence with nouns of both genders and adjectives.

PE

Fitness

The children will take part in a range of activities that explore and develop different areas of their health and fitness. They will learn different components of fitness including speed, stamina, strength, co-ordination, balance and agility.

Tag Rugby

Tag rugby is an invasion game. The children will develop their understanding of the attacking and defending principles of invasion games. They have to think about how they use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition.

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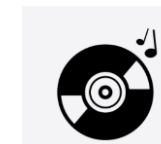
Dreams and Goals

Children will think about their hopes and dreams, their goals for success, what personal strengths are, and how to overcome challenges, via team work skills and tasks. There is also a focus on enterprise and fundraising. Children learn about experiencing and managing feelings of pride, ambition, disappointment, success; and they get to share their aspirations, the dreams and goals of others in different cultures/countries, and their dreams for the world.

"You have only failed if you have given up. Until then, it is called Learning"



MUSIC



This half term we are learning the song 'Make You Feel My Love'. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other pop ballads.