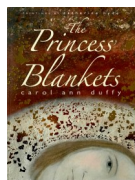




English Writing

We will be exploring Carol Ann Duffy's *The Princess' Blankets*, writing engaging setting and character descriptions and diary entries from a range of perspectives

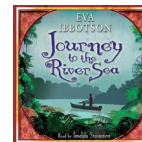


We will also look at *Fia and the Last Snow Deer*, a verse novel by Irish writer Eilish Fisher which draws on traditional Irish myths. As well as writing our own poetry, we will write persuasive speeches and letters inspired by the themes of climate change that underpin the text. Alongside this, we will continue to develop punctuation and grammar, and improve our proofreading skills.



English Reading

We will be studying *Journey to the River Sea*, by Eva Ibbotson. This text, which follows an orphan as she travels to the Amazon to live with distant relatives, will allow us to explore themes of self-discovery, friendship and resilience. The children will make predictions and infer information about characters, as well as building their comprehension skills and vocabulary.



Science

Life Cycles

We will build on our knowledge of different animals from Spring 2, examining the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. Children will learn specific vocabulary to describe different classes of animal as they grow, and make scientific inquiries about the differences between mammals and amphibians.

Religious Education

Sikhism: How did the final five human Sikh Gurus shape Sikhism?

Week 1: Why did Guru Hargobind wear two kirpans?

Week 2: Why do Sikhs look to Guru Har Rai for guidance about care for the creation?

Week 3: How did Guru Har Krishan cared for those who were dying? What do Sikhs believe about death?

Week 4: In what ways was Guru Tegh Bahadur brave?

Week 5: How and why was the Sikh Khalsa formed?

Mathematics

Shape

Children will understand and use degrees to measure angles up to 180 degrees, estimate angles and classify angles. They will also draw lines and angles accurately, and calculate angles around a point.

Position and Direction

Children will read and plot coordinates, draw lines of symmetry, explore translation and word problems using translation, and reflect points in horizontal and vertical lines.

Music

Classical Music

In the summer term, Year 5 students focus on ensemble performance within the realm of classical music. This unit aligns with the curriculum's emphasis on collaborative music-making. Pupils will expand their ensemble skills, understanding the intricacies of performing as a group.

Geography

Climate Change

Geography lessons will be delivered by a charity called Climate Ed over a series of five one-hour workshops. Children will learn practical skills like measuring a carbon footprint, think critically about social and environmental issues, explore CO2 reduction and climate science, and improve their debating skills.

History

The Industrial Revolution

In this unit children will develop their understanding of the Industrial Revolution, thinking about cotton production, steam engines, iron and coal, and children at work. They will compare how different groups of people lived during the Industrial Revolution, and examine the impact it had not only on Britain, but on the world.

Music (violin)

We will continue to develop skills, including: Revising "Pizzicato swing" and using fingers 1 & 2 on the D string to play notes E & F sharp. Then, we will work on a new piece "Lounging" where we will learn to play note G using the 3rd finger on the D string.

Art

Print making

We will learn about printmaking, blocks, plates and silk screens, exploring relief, intaglio and using stencils.

P.E.

Quick Cricket and Volleyball

Thursdays and Fridays

French

Quel temps fait-il?

We will learn a range of vocabulary to describe the weather in French, including describing a map and compass directions. By the end of the unit, we will present a weather forecast in French.

Computing

Programming

An immersive unit where children will design a quiz, tests it and then evaluate. They will learn to connect and program component like LEDs and motors.

PSHE

Rights and Responsibilities

We will explore personal qualities and self esteem, knowing your rights and responsibilities in online communities and learn about staying safe when using technology to communicate with friends.

Events

Royal Observatory—5th May