

Year 5 Autumn Term 2 2024 Newsletter

Does The Earth Move?



As SCIENTISTS we will be: looking at the Earth and Space. Investigating the movement of the Earth in the solar system, the movement of the moon and the Earth's rotation during the day and night.

As WRITERS we will be: beginning our writing journey looking at image poetry based on 'fire and water!' We will use this imagery to write our own quest stories in our fiction writing and recounts in our non-fiction writing. We will be continuing to develop our punctuation, grammar and spelling techniques through a range of strategies. Please support your child with this at home.

As READERS we will be: using our 'VIPERS' - vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising skills throughout our guided reading sessions while reading our novel 'Crystals of the Sea' by Jonathon Roe. We will also explore non-fiction texts linked to our Earth and Space topic.

In COMPUTING we will be: learning how to create short videos in pairs or groups. We will be exposed to topic-based language and developing the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video.

As MATHEMATICIANS we will be: looking at negative numbers and short multiplication and division. We will understand how positive and negative numbers work on a numberline, in real life contexts, and in co-ordinates.

We will be multiplying and dividing two and three digit numbers and single digits using a range of techniques including rec grouping and exchanging. We will use these skills to solve problems. In arithmetic, we will continue to review our general arithmetic skills and take weekly tests to check our progress.

As MUSICIANS we will be: listening to, and appraising music by Gustav Holst We will compare and contrast classical and contemporary musical styles. We will develop confidence when composing and explore changes in tempo, dynamics and texture to create different moods. We will rehearse and perform our compositions.

In P.E. We will be: focusing on ability, balance and coordination following the Physical Foundations curriculum and our PE day will be a Monday.

In R.E. we will be: continue to learn about how people express their faiths and beliefs in their everyday actions, and what we can learn from this.

In ART we will be: looking at the abstract artwork of the American artist, Peter Thorpe. We will investigate primary, secondary and tertiary colors and how to mix them. We will also be able to select appropriate colors and how colors compliment each other.

As GEOGRAPHERS we will be: comparing Europe to the UK; naming and locating countries, regions and major cities; identifying human and physical features. We will also be identifying countries on a global map using the longitude and latitude and 8 compass points.

In PSHE we will be: 'Celebrating Difference' by investigating different cultures, racism, rumors and name-calling and different types of bullying.

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