



Medium Term Planning

Year 5

Spring 2024 First Half Term



English	Mathematics
Year 5 begin this term with a poetry week based around using similes and metaphors which will evoke vivid imagery in a readers mind. Following this, we will be building on previous narrative writing skills to compose a 'Wishing Tale' describing the actions and dilemmas of the main character. We will complete the half term with an explanation text, utilising our learning from our geography topic of earthquakes and volcanoes. We will continue to develop our comprehension, grammar, punctuation, handwriting and spelling skills.	We begin this half term by developing our understanding of finding the area and perimeter of complex shapes. Pupils will then focus on fractions, developing their understanding of ordering, comparing, adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. Following this, we will learn about the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages and how these can be converted. Times tables practise and daily arithmetic continue throughout the half term.
Art & Design	Computing
Art lessons this half term will be based around making collages. This involves adding a range of materials, colours and textures to a painted or drawn background. The work will be inspired by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo.	Year 5 pupils will select, use and combine a variety of presentation software on a range of devices, such as, laptops and iPads to design and create content for a given audience. For example, designing an APP about our school.
Design & Technology	Geography
This term, Year 5 will develop their understanding of electrical products, explaining why they are useful. Pupils will be able to confidently create a circuit, which includes a switch. They will design and build a working torch, explaining is functionality and why it is successful.	Pupils will complete a case study on the River Tyne, delving deep into its history and how it influenced the growth of Newcastle and the surrounding areas. We will learn about the physical features of rivers, contemplating the impact humans have on these environments over time. This topic will include a class trip to Newcastle, walking along the River Tyne.
History	Music
Next half term, Year 5 will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. As historians, they will consider how the civilisation grew over time by studying a range of sources. They will make comparisons between ancient times and today as well as ordering key dates chronologically and describing the influences Greek culture had throughout history.	This half term, Year 5 will have the opportunity to learn how to play the ukulele in a weekly lesson. They will develop their musical vocabulary, whilst learning how to read and write music.
Personal Social Health Economics (PSHE)	Physical Education (PE)
We look forward to building upon our Connect Mental Health Relationships Resilience Course by continuing to develop strategies, communication and empathy skills. We will explore our hopes and aspirations for the future. Pupils will discuss and compare these to other pupils from different cultures and backgrounds.	This half term Year 5 will be focusing on dance. Pupils will develop their flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance skills. This will culminate with learning and performing a group dance.
Religious Education (RE)	Science
Through creating a safe space, we will explore how different religions and world views consider what happens in death. Pupils will make links between beliefs around a soul and eternal life. They will reflect on similarities and differences between practices.	We are very excited to begin our next topic in Science - Earth and Space. Pupils will learn about the complexity of each planet; the orbits and rotations of the moon and the importance and impact of the sun on the solar system.
In KS2 we learn French in our Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum (MFL)	
In our French lessons we will be centred around leisure time and our hobbies. As well as learning new vocabulary, we will continue to develop our pronunciation of French words, beginning to accurately write simple sentences and phrases.	