

Spring Term

2024

Year 5/6

Ancient civilisations and human settlement

Our humanities curriculum this term continues our focus on ancient civilisations, looking at the Indus Valley and ancient Persia and Greece. Whilst in geography, we will study the human geography of settlements and its connection to agriculture. We will complete our study of the Hindu faith and then move onto Judaism.



As mathematicians we will:

- Continue to develop our understanding of calculating with fractions, including multiplying and dividing.
- Revisit calculating with decimal numbers using the four operations of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing; solve calculations and problems both mentally and using efficient written methods.
- Develop a further understanding of working with percentages, linking these with fractions and decimals.
- Interpret, use and create algebraic expressions.
- Understand ratio while revisiting shape and angles.
- Consolidate learning to prepare Year 6 for SATs.

As readers and writers we will:

Develop our reading and writing skills through daily practise and by exploring high-quality texts that we may not choose ourselves. Our class texts will include "Varjak Paw" and "Blackberry Blue", amongst others.

Our writing will cover a range of purposes including:

- **Narrative Fiction:** creating atmosphere and tension through vocabulary and grammar choice; using colons and semi-colons to demarcate independent clauses.
- **Non-fiction:** writing and giving a speech about an issue we feel strongly about.

As scientists we will:

- Discover how materials can be grouped together based on similar properties.
- Observe how some substances are soluble in water and that, if they dissolve, they form a solution.
- Find out that in reversible changes the original substance can be recovered easily.
- Understand that in irreversible changes, the original substances cannot be recovered easily.

In PSHE we will:

Follow the Jigsaw scheme and will cover the topics:

- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me

Vocabulary: dream, hope, goal, realistic, motivation, choice

As geographers we will:

- Learn about features of various human settlements, including villages, towns and cities.
- Focus our understanding on the UK cities of London and Cardiff.
- Through our agriculture unit, we will develop our knowledge of types of farming, food and affects on landscapes.

As artists and designers we will:

- Learn how to use pen and colour.
- Explore how to print, weave and make lanterns to create quality artwork that shows progression in skills.
- Have the opportunity to explore the work of 'The Seaside' artists Alfred Wallis and Hokusai.

In RE we will:

- Explore today's living Hindu traditions.
- Learn about how today's Hindus worship.
- Discover concepts in Hinduism today including festivals, family and the importance of Ganesha and Shiva.

As musicians we will be:

- Listening and Appraising
- Creating and exploring music
- Singing, Playing Instruments and Performing

In computing we will:

Develop our understanding of variables and how to use these in programming in Scratch.

In PE we will:

Develop our skills, footwork and gameplay through tag rugby. Explore performance, balance and co-ordination in gymnastic sports.

Trips and Special Events:

We hope to support our humanities learning with an expert visitor.

We also hope to be involved in Easter-themed events and celebrations with the school.