

True Tribes – Years 5 and 6 – Spring 1

English

We will start this half term by working on writing our own story openings, based on what we have read in *Wolf Brother*. We will attempt to interest the reader immediately through launching them into the story straight away.

Then, we move on to practicing the skill of writing more formally to produce non-chronological reports. We will look at a model example to help learn the features of this before doing so.

Science - Forces

In Science this half term, we will look at the impact and importance of gravity acting between the Earth and falling objects. We will also work on identifying the effects of air resistance, water friction and friction that act between moving surfaces.

French – Clothes

In French this half term, Miss Hannah will be teaching the children how to describe clothes. They will use their existing knowledge of colours in French to help them with this.

Maths



Rapid Times Tables recall remains a priority for all our children, so we encourage regular practice using TTRS.

Year 5

Our year 5 children will repeat the same pattern of learning as last half term (continuing to think about multiplication and division and fractions) but will take the next steps in developing their understanding.

Year 6

The year 6 children will also continue their learning of fractions, with the addition of decimals and percentages. Following this, they will move on to learn about how to use ratio and algebra.

PSHE – Drugs

We will revisit and develop our understanding of alcohol, medicines and nicotine and their effects on the brain and body. We will also consider the exposure children have to certain drugs and explore their awareness of solvents, illegal drugs, people who choose to use drugs and the laws relating to drug sale and possession.

PE – Dance styles and Netball

Our next indoor unit is gymnastics (Press & Go), we will practice gymnastics skills and work on performance techniques.

Redwood will swim in one PE session and Daintree/Amazon will complete netball unit, where they will learn the skills needed to play a match.

RE – What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?

In looking at the Five Pillars of Islam, we will consider what Muslims believe is the best way to show their commitment to God. We will also look at how and why Muslims pray.

Art – Make your Mark

Our end goal this term is to make two-colour lino prints of our own design. We will begin this process by looking at early drawing and the reasons for early humans choosing to express themselves in this way. Then, we will design our own pieces using inspiration from this.

The rest of the subjects this term will taught in blocks to each class at different times. Below, you will see a short description of each, and which classes are doing it this half term:

DT – Create a bag (Amazon)

In DT, we will research, design, create and evaluate our own small bags. Our aim is to make a gift bag for a family member, so you may be the lucky one to receive this!

Geography – Rivers (Daintree)

We will identify the three stages of a river, look at the features of a river and consider how and why flooding happens.

Computing – We are website developers + We are game developers (Redwood)

We will begin by looking at how websites are designed and adding some of our own work to the school website. This will be available to view from home too! Then, we will use Scratch to design our own games and work on debugging them so our friends can play them.