

Art & Design, Design and Technology and Music

In **Art**, we will be learning about great architects and designers in recent history. We will also be improving our art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture. In **D&T**, we will be using our design skills to consider how buildings have changed over time and how technology makes buildings more efficient. We will then learn about Computer Aided Design. In **Music**, we will be looking at song writing and exploring lyrics and melodies from a range of songs.

Maths

This term we will be developing a range of skills. We will be working on developing our knowledge of calculating with fractions and make links with previous learning to help us. We will also be learning about properties of shapes. We will calculate the area and perimeter of 2D shapes and will calculate the volume of 3D shapes.

Computing

This term, we are learning to code! We will be learning how to use motors, sensors & LEDs, which we will then create an Aztec-themed game with a Raspberry pi.

English

Essay Writing & BBC 500 Words Competition

Year 6 will be entering the Rotary Essay Competition this term by writing about what they want to be when they grow up. Year 5 will be writing essays using the title: 'The best day of my life'. We will also be entering the BBC 500 Words Story competition.

Fiction

We will be looking at the short film extract from 'The Piano' and 'Up', considering how we can use vocabulary, colour and sound to create emotive responses within an audience.

Non-fiction

This term will be exploring the features of **non-chronological reports** and **discussions/debates**. We will use these features to write our own reports and discussions.

History

Our focus is on changes in technology, leisure and entertainment in recent times, focussing on Britain since 1948. We will explore changes in life and culture over time, e.g. technology, home life and work life.

Geography

To complement our History, we will look at the changes in land use over time. We will build upon our knowledge of the United Kingdom and will consider how land use has changed over time.

Upper Key Stage 2

Spring 2020



Science

The first half of the term focusses on electricity. We will learn about different circuit components and their functions. In the second half of the term, we will be learning about light. We will recognise that light travels in a straight line and be able to explain how light travels from light sources to our eyes in order for us to see objects.

PE

In **Games** this term, we will be focussing on striking and fielding in cricket. We will be learning to refine our batting skills and developing our knowledge of batting tactics. In indoor athletics we will be competing against ourselves to improve our athletic skills.

Events

Year 5 will be preparing for the Music Festival 'Out There!' and our Members will be performing at The Royal Albert Hall. Year 6 will be going to St Albans Cathedral as well as their annual Crucial Crew trip, whilst Year 5 will participate in the Easter Journey at All Saints' church.

PSHE & RE

In RE we will be learning about Beliefs and Meaning in Christianity and exploring the concept of eternity. We will then learn about the Easter story and examine the influences Christianity still has in the world.

In **PSHE**, we will be learning about our dreams and goals, and will explore the meaning of keeping ourselves healthy. We will be learning about the health risks of smoking and alcohol and learn about how to deal with peer pressure and how to make informed decisions.

Modern Foreign Languages

We will begin in French discussing our clothes and building on our verb conjugation work from last term to describe what others are wearing. We will then describe places in our locality and our journey to school. In German, we will look at the weather, the seasons and different clothing for different weathers.