



What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy

Reading

Mr Read's group text is "Another Twist in the Tale" by Catherine Bruton. It is a sequel to Charles Dickens's Oliver Twist, featuring Oliver's twin sister, Twill Twist, as she navigates Victorian London's workhouses to build a life, find her friends, and uncover the mystery of her own past. The story includes appearances by familiar characters such as the Artful Dodger, Fagin, and Oliver himself, offering a fresh perspective on the classic tale.

Mr Jones's group text is "Podkin One-Ear" by Kieran Larwood. Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbitkind has ever known.

Reading and writing objectives will be taught through the context of each novel.

Writing

The children will be writing different narratives and fact-files based on our novels and our History topic, The Industrial Revolution.

There will continue to be a focus on secretarial skills, including improving cursive writing to improve legibility.

Punctuation and grammar objectives will include the following:

The children will be considering the four different sentence types: commands, questions, statements and exclamations. They will focus on the different punctuation needed for each and the effect they have upon the reader.

Maths

Across Year 5, the children will continue to develop their understanding of number using manipulatives including Numicon and Number rods.

The children will continue to use Times Table Rockstars to enhance their times table knowledge.

The children will be working with numbers up to a million by learning to read and write them. They will be exploring equivalents with fractions which will help them develop their understanding of decimals in the following topic.

Following on from this, pupils will learn to measure angles up to 180 degrees.

Pupils will continue to develop their fluency with adding and subtracting calculations.



R.E.

In RE this half term, we will be exploring the question, 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' We will investigate the prophecies found in the Old Testament about the promise of a 'saviour' and reflect on how Christians understand the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as a fulfilment of these prophecies. We will explore the Christian idea of 'incarnation' (God living in a human body) and how this concept impacts the Christian celebration of Christmas.

History – The Industrial Revolution

Pupils will be learning about the Industrial Revolution — exploring how new inventions, machines, and transport changed people's lives and transformed Britain.

P.E.

This half term the children will be working on producing and choreographing a piece of street dance. They will practise movement ideas inspired by different pieces of music and use basic principles when creating their dances. They will then perform with rhythm and confidence.

Science

This half term pupils will be studying the importance of forces in nature. They will learn about friction and how it acts on all things. They will conduct experiments to investigate when friction is stronger and weaker, as well as looking at both air and water resistance. They will continue to develop their scientific enquiry skills through the use of fair and measured experiments.

Computing

Creating Media – Video editing

This half term gives pupils the opportunity to learn how to create short videos in groups. They will develop the skills of capturing, editing and manipulating video using several apps including Clips and iMovie and different technologies such as a Green Screen.

PSHE

This half-term the topic is Keeping Safe – managing risk when out and about. The children will learn about feelings of being out in the local area with increasing independence. They will focus on potential risks and the feelings associated with being out. They will also learn about recognising and responding to peer pressure.

Spanish



Year 5 will be focusing on Adjectives in Spanish. They will then be using these words and their previous knowledge to write about themselves. The children will also be learning about how different Spanish speaking countries celebrate Christmas and they will be learning the annual Christmas song in Spanish.

Trip

We are planning a day at Nell Bank to enjoy workshops in Team Building and Resilience! Further information will be sent out after the half-term holiday.