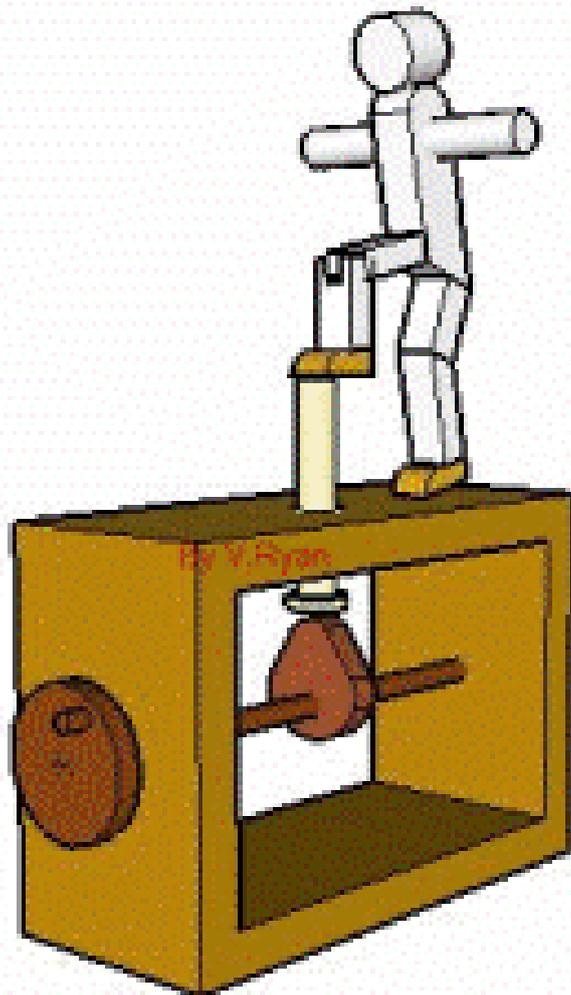


Year Five Curriculum Newsletter



Subjects

English

In English we will continue to read 'Street Child'. Each week we will read as a whole class and independently and then respond to the book through use of questions and various activities to develop the children's comprehension. We will also use the book to generate ideas for our writing. Developing sentence structure, use of descriptive techniques and organisation of paragraphs.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will continue to learn across all areas of the curriculum. The learning ranges from knowledge of numbers, calculations, four operations, using and applying to problems, shape, measures and so on. It would be a huge help if you encouraged your child to learn their times tables off by heart as they underpin most mathematical understanding.

Science

In Science this term we are learning about life cycles of plants. During the topic we will use investigation and explorative skills to learn how plants are able to survive and how they form a special relationship with insects to be able to produce seeds and continue the survival of the species. This has practical elements of science that should develop the children's enquiry skills.

History

Our topic this term is studying Early Islamic Civilisation - Baghdad 900AD. In this new topic of work the children will discover the importance of Baghdad's location with the Silk Road, linking the West with the Eastern trade routes. The children will also learn that Baghdad was central in the development of scientific and mathematical thinking and ideology of equality amongst people.

D.T.

In Design Technology we will continue with making moving toys. The children will be studying a selection of moving toys which use a cam as the mechanism. The children will then make their own frame which houses a cam(s) mechanism which will move their designed toy. This is a hugely practical topic where the children will use saws, glue guns and other fun equipment.

R.E.

Special People will be the focus of our learning during the Summer Term. We will be studying important and influential people across the different religions and identify common features or character traits they have. We will also understand how they influenced their particular religion.

Computing

In computing we will be working with iMovie to create short films/adverts promoting the school, using various media types, such as video, animation, still images and sound.

P.E

Swimming will continue each Tuesday.

Children will continue with their rounders unit. They will then transfer the essential batting and fielding skills required for rounders to Kwik Cricket. Children will learn to strike a ball into space. They will also develop their ability to throw, catch and use teammates to limit the amount of runs an opponent scores.

Music

Our focus this half-term will be to use an internet program called Charanga to learn different styles of music. This term our focus will be on 'Blues' music. During this topic we will be learning about its origins, some of its common characteristics and how to sing and play along with some Blues tracks.

French - Les Sports

Learning and using the names of sports and giving an opinion about them.

Using the correct verbs to describe what sports we do.

Learning the vocabulary for parts of the body and giving a detailed physical description.

PSHCE

During this half term we will be learning about safety in different environments. The children will learn about the dangers that can arise using the road, in the home and places to avoid to remain safe.

Reading

With reading being an essential part of learning, it's really important that you listen to your child read and allow them access to a wide range of texts. Any reading your child does will benefit them, from the sports reports in Sunday's papers to the depths of Harry Potter, every little helps!

Homework

English homework is set on **Thursday** and should be returned on **Monday**. New spellings are given out every Tuesday and are tested the following Tuesday.

A reminder - All children have access to Interactive Resources and Sum Dog - wonderful maths programmes with lots of fun maths activities to help your child with their learning in the subject.

The log in details are as follows:

<http://www.interactive-resources.co.uk/>

Select pupil log in

Mr Light Maths group

Username: 5L Maths

Password: 007Bond

http://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in

PE

Children need to have their PE kit on Thursday. Swimming kit on Tuesdays.

Shoes

Please make sure your child has pumps for indoor use. Please name these as I'm sure you can imagine, 120 pairs of pumps easily become mixed up.

We do acquire a lot of lost property in the unit. **Please** make sure all property is named so we can help to reunite children with misplaced items.

With good fortune the weather will become hotter during this term and we ask all parents to ensure their children come to school adequately prepared for the conditions; water bottles, sun cream or sun hats and hay fever sufferers.