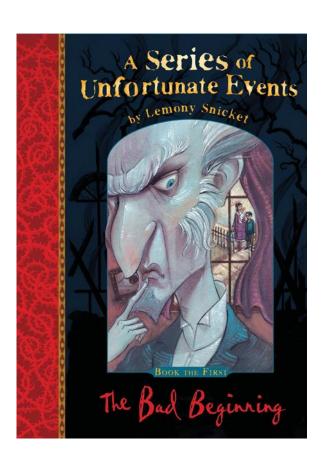
# Year Five Curriculum Newsletter



Summer 1

## English

In English we are starting a new book 'A Series of Unfortunate Events - The Bad Beginning', by Lemony Snicket. 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

We will be learning about animal life cycles across a variety of species. We will be looking at the different stages of an animals' life- how off spring are produced, parenting styles, growing up, finding a mate and becoming a parent. The children will also be learning how to set up an investigation and use the evidence gathered to support a scientific idea.

# Computing

# Basic Skills Mini Module 3 (To Complete)

We will continue develop typing and presentation skills in an activity linked to our Topic work.

## Video Production Microsoft Photos

We will use the video editor in the app to create video slideshows that combine photos and videos with music, motion, text, and more. We will also add animated 3D effects.

# Geography

We will continue with the topic 'Contrasting Localities'. We will continue to learn about the features of urban life, taking into consideration the impact it has on areas such as housing, employment, industries, transport and public services. We will then be comparing these features and characteristics with a rural location.

## D.T.

Fairground rides to continue - we will create a miniature fairground ride with an electrical component. Through focussed tasks, we will learn about different sized gears, investigate direction and speed of rotation, and build working circuits. We will also develop marking, cutting, shaping and joining skills using a range of tools as appropriate.

#### Music

'How does music connect us with our past?

In this unit we will look at a wide range of musical styles. We will listen, sing, play compose and perform to the class.

## R.E.

'What do Christians believe about the old and new covenants?'

This unit explores some of the different covenants between God and various key figures in the Bible in both the Old and New Testament, including Abraham, Moses, David and Jesus. It explores core beliefs of Christians regarding these covenants and their importance. It also makes comparisons to different faiths' views of these people.

#### P.E

#### Athletics

We will learn and understand what throwing and jumping techniques are required to achieve maximum distance and height, and appropriate pace judgement when running for distance.

#### Cricket

We will get the opportunity to play competitively, using tactics to outwit opponents. Through competitive games, we will develop teamwork skills, and understand and apply basic principles for attacking and defending.

## French

Moi et mon ecole - this term the children will learn new vocabulary to talk about their school day in French. They will also learn how to count up to 40.

# **PSHE**

Drug, alcohol and tobacco education: Different influences. The children will learn about the risks associated with smoking, about the different influences on drug use, such as alcohol, tobacco and nicotine products, and strategies to resist pressure from others about whether to use drugs containing nicotine and alcohol.

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. They can also read on Bug Club at home. Any reading your child does will benefit them. Please note any sessions completed at home in your child's reading record.
Homework New spellings are given out every Friday and are tested the following Friday.
Learn by Heart is given out on a Wednesday and tested the next Wednesday.
Homework is set every Wednesday and has to be handed in by Friday.
All children have their own Bug Club account and can access TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed at home too - please make good use of them!
<u>Kit</u> Children need to come in their PE kit on Mondays and Fridays.
Thank you - Mrs Illingworth and Miss Halliwell