



### This Term...

#### Year 5 Curriculum

##### History – Dynamic Dynasties

In History, the children will learn about periods of ancient Chinese history. They will explore a timeline of the first five Chinese dynasties. They will look into the history of the Bronze Age Shang Dynasty and explore evidence found in the ancient city of Yin.

##### Science – Earth and space

In Science, the children will learn about our Solar System and its spherical celestial bodies. They will describe the movements of the Earth and the other planets relative to the Sun, the Moon relative to Earth, and the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

##### DT – Moving mechanisms

In DT, the children will learn about pneumatic systems. They will experiment with pneumatics before designing, making and evaluating a pneumatic machine that performs a useful function.

##### Art - Taotie

In Art, the children will learn about the significance and art of the taotie motif, including ancient and contemporary casting methods.

#### Year 6 Curriculum

##### History - Maafa

In History, the children will learn about Ancient African Kingdoms, the development of the transatlantic slave trade, Britain's role in the slave trade and the causes and consequences of the abolition of the slave trade and slavery.

##### Geography – Our changing world

In Geography, the children will learn about the features of Earth, time zones and lines of latitude and longitude to pinpoint places on a map. They will also learn about map scales, grid references, contour lines and map symbols. Finally, they will study climate change and the importance of global trade.

##### DT – Food for life

In DT, the children will learn about processed food and healthy food choices. They make bread and pasta sauces and learn about the benefits of whole foods. They plan and make meals as part of a healthy daily menu, and evaluate their completed products.

#### Thought of the term...

"Kindness is the universal language that can be spoken by everyone."

-Unknown



Be caring and kind.

Respect and compassion

InMAT value: Inclusion

#### How I can help my child at home.

##### Maths

In Term 2, Year 5 will learn about graphs and tables, multiplication and division and area and perimeter.

Year 6 will learn about fractions and position and direction.

Activities which support this:

Practising times table recall to support all fractions work, multiplication and division methods and area. Reading maps using directions and co-ordinates.

##### English

In Term 2, Year 5 will be writing poetry and diary entries.

Year 6 will be writing newspaper reports and persuasive letters.

Activities which support this:

Read a range of writing of the genres to be studied, discuss features of these types of writing. Create a bank of persuasive words/phrases. Work on using the past tense accurately and identify conjunctions linked with time.

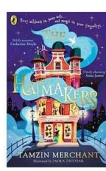
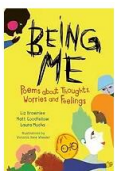
#### Dates for the diary.

31<sup>st</sup> October – Individual School Photos  
17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in need.  
21<sup>st</sup> November – Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 5.30pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> November – Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 7.30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> December – Choir to Delapre Abbey 4pm  
7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Movie Night  
12<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle at St Mary's Church – 6pm – 7pm  
20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Afternoon and End of Term 2

#### Homework

Year 5 and 6 homework is set on a Thursday and is due to be handed in the following Tuesday.

#### Reading Recommendations – Year 5



#### Reading Recommendations – Year 6

