

Rule Britannia

Years 5 & 6

Autumn Term 2017



Key Areas of Learning

As **Historians**, our focus this term will be the importance of the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, and the need for mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Children will explore where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from, how they fought for territory and power, and how their fighting ultimately led to the kingdom of England we know today. They will then consider the history of the British Monarch, the role they play in our country today and how this has changed over time, before visiting Westminster and learn about the work of Parliament today.

As **Scientists** we will be covering two topics this term. The children will begin by completing a unit of work on 'Animals Including Humans', where they will investigate the circulatory system, explore the structure of the heart and lungs and learn more about the composition of our blood. They will also investigate the effect of exercise on pulse rate and discuss why exercise is good for us. Our second topic will be 'We are Scientists', where children will develop their skills of working scientifically and devising and carrying out a fair test.

As **Design Technologists** children will be exploring the work of Brunel before designing and creating their own Brunel inspired bridge. Within food technology they will be researching, designing and creating their own traditional afternoon tea.

LITERACY

Children will be taught the following units:

- Classic & Modern Classic Fiction
- Argument and Debate
- Poet Study: Lewis Carroll

In addition, they will follow a comprehensive programme of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

MATHEMATICS

Children will be taught key aspects of:

- Place value
- Addition & subtraction
- Multiplication & division
- Problem solving
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Properties of shape
- Position & direction

Children will also develop speed and accuracy with the rapid recall of their timetables up to 12x12.

RE

Children will consider the importance of the Qur'an to Muslims in the 21st Century and the ways in which this is used within their daily lives. They will then explore and ask their own questions about the Christmas story.

COMPUTING

Children will continue to build on their existing knowledge and understanding of the process of Espresso coding. They will also use digital cameras and iPads to research and produce a documentary on the role of the Monarchy in Britain today.

PSHE

Children will explore the theme of New Beginnings, considering ways aspirations for the year ahead, as well as focussing on the importance of team work and sharing. They will then consider their role in the community and will explore the importance of fundamental British values.

MUSIC

Children will begin by exploring movie music through the ages. They will learn techniques for creating soundtracks and film scores, and compose their own movie music. They will then explore a selection of music from around the world through the theme 'World Unite'.

PE

In tennis and badminton, children will be developing technique, coordination and control. In hockey and tag rugby, they will focus on the tactics of invasion games and the importance of cooperation and team work.

FRENCH

Children will be taught to speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity. Topics for the term include a research project on Paris, regional specialities, café culture, drinks, snacks and ice creams.

Enterprise

As enterprising pupils we will:

- Explore the theme of democracy and the way in which living in a democratic society shapes our daily lives.
- Explore the roles of the Monarchy, Peers and Politicians in making, changing and upholding the laws of our country and to deepen our understanding of what it means to be British.

Environment

As pupils concerned with our environment we will:

- Consider how different religions and beliefs influence the way people respond to global issues, such as the environment.
- Consolidate our map skills and use these to gain a greater understanding of the geography of our local area.

SMSC

To develop our spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness as pupils we will:

- Explore the importance of fundamental British values in our daily lives.
- Listen and respond appropriately to the views of others.
- Develop an understanding of Britain's local, national, European and global dimensions.

Community

As members of our school community we will:

- Consider the importance of making and maintaining friendships. Children will explore ways in which they can uphold our school values and continue to be active members of our class and school community.