

### English

In English this half term we will be reading, reciting and learning about the poetry of Caribbean poets. We will explore the themes they use, particularly the sights and sounds of the Caribbean, and explore how they describe these using figurative language. We will write our own poems using similar themes and techniques.

Our second writing genre will be letters. We will examine the features of both formal and informal letter writing then write a letter to a penfriend. We will think about what would make interesting and engaging subjects for our letter.

### Maths

We will be working with decimals at the beginning of term. This will include addition and subtraction, problem solving, working with mixed numbers, decimal sequences and multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

We will then move onto looking at properties of shape. This will include measuring, drawing and calculating angles on straight lines and around a point, then applying this knowledge to triangles and quadrilaterals as well as solving problems.

### Science

This term, we will start a new topic in Science called 'Living things and their Habitats'. We will begin by learning about the different ways in which plants reproduce. We will be learning about pollination, germination and seed dispersal. Then, we will find out about the life cycles of different animals and look at the differences and similarities between them. We will consider why different species need different habitats.



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### Topic

This term we will be learning about the Caribbean Islands and how they are similar and different to the U.K. We will locate where the Caribbean is on a world map and identify the USA and the countries of South America. We will think about the climate in the Caribbean and why certain fruits and vegetables grow there that cannot be grown in the UK.

In D&T our focus will be food technology and we will be thinking about how the measures we take to stay safe and preserve hygiene when we are working. We will create a Caribbean inspired recipe, taking into consideration ingredients and presentation.

### Curriculum Newsletter

#### Year 5 Summer 1

**How are the Caribbean Islands and the UK similar?**

**P.E:** We will be focusing on net games, especially tennis.

**Homework:** handed out on Friday, due back by Tuesday.

### RE

This half-term we are studying Sikhism. Our focus is the teaching of the Guru Granth Sahib, in particular stories of honest and equality.

### PSHE

We will explore how to make and keep healthy relationships.

### French

We will learn vocabulary related to sports and say which sports we like.

### Computing

We will be learning about spreadsheets and how to input data

### Music

Learn about Caribbean styles of music including calypso and reggae. In addition, we will learn about the history of steel pans.

### Suggested books to read

**The Nation's Favourite Children's Poems**

by Ronald Pickup

**Funky Turkeys**

by Benjamin Zephaniah

**So Other People Would Be Also Free**

by Tonya Leslie PhD

### Suggested websites to visit

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poet/valerie-bloom/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7dkhbk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zfw4d2p>