

## English

In English this half term we will be reading 'My Story: Titanic' by Ellen Emerson White to inspire our writing. We will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of a Titanic survivor on the night of the disaster. We will be expressing our emotions before, during and after our escape from the ship by lifeboat. We will then write a newspaper report about the sinking of the Titanic.

Weekly lessons on grammar and reading will also take place. These will be linked to our topic work.

It is very important that reading takes place every night at home for at least 30 minutes.

## Maths

Maths will follow the White Rose scheme of work. This term we will look at place value: comparing and ordering numbers, rounding numbers, negative numbers and Roman numerals. We will then focus on formal written methods for addition and subtraction, including using the inverse operation.

Please ensure your child is practising multiplication and division facts regularly at home.

## Science

This half term our science topic is '**Properties of, and changes to, materials**'.

We will explore how some materials dissolve in liquid and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. We will also learn how to use the terms 'reversible' and 'irreversible' and demonstrate that some dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible. We will be learning to give reasons based on evidence from comparative and fair tests.



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## History

We will be looking at Islamic civilisations and comparing cities in the early mediaeval world including Baghdad, Cordoba, Constantinople and Timbuktu.

We will look in depth at the city of Baghdad and find out about its origins and founder and how we know about it through art, artefacts and written sources.

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**Year 5 Autumn 1**

**Enrichment: Trip to British Museum**

**PE: Tuesday**

## RE

In RE this half term we will be learning about Judaism. We will find out about the significance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and how worship is conducted in the synagogue.

## PSHE

We will explore gender roles in the home. We will talk about how to recognise when relationships are making us feel unhappy and where we can go for help and advice when we need it.

## French (KS2 only)

The children will be revising greetings, talking about siblings and describing people. They will revise colours and numbers to support these activities.

## Geography

We will focus on the state of California and the problems it experiences due to lack of water. We will learn how the crops grown there are significant for water use and what methods were devised to combat the problems.

## Music

Understanding the roots, context and cultural importance of music played on the Djembe in African society.

## Art/DT

In D&T we will be learning about textiles. We will research images related to the Titanic and choose one for a commemorative piece. We will decide the best way to present and create this using applique, testing and refining our designs as we go.

## Computing

We will be focusing on how to stay safe online, including keeping personal information safe and understanding that technology has both negative and positive aspects.

## Suggested places to visit

To enrich your learning you could visit the National Maritime Museum to see the Titanic artefacts.

## Suggested books to read

**Survivor: Titanic** by Stephen Davies

**I survived** by Lauren Tarshis

**Kasper Prince of Cats** by Michael Morpurgo