

## English

In English, we will read the story 'Henry's Freedom Box', the true, dramatic story of a slave who mails himself to freedom. We will discover that Henry's family is sold at the slave market and that one day, he mails himself to freedom. The children will write diaries of the significant events from the perspective of Henry, considering how to engage the reader and portray Henry's emotions.

In our second English unit we will focus on the writing of biographies. After reading a biography of Martin Luther King and identifying the main features, the children will go on to plan and write their own biographies for Henry Brown, including key aspects of his life.

Daily shared reading sessions will continue to teach reading skills and strategies.

## Art

In art, we will learn that artists draw faces (portraits) in different ways. We will attempt to draw portraits using different media and will find out about the famous artists Pablo Picasso and Amedeo Modigliani. We will sculpt a clay face adding features and expression lines and marks.

## PSHE

Our first unit in PSHE focusses on health and wellbeing. While learning about similarities and differences between people, we will consider our own personal identity; recognising individuality and different qualities. We will also learn about stereotypes and how to challenge them.

## Music

This half term the children will be receiving music lessons from one of our specialist teachers. They will be introduced to the guitar and playing written and improvised rhythms on open strings as well as playing along to pop tracks.

## Science

In science, our first unit is 'Animals including Humans'. We will be discovering the changes as humans develop to old age. Children will learn about the stages in a human's lifecycle and discover the key changes from infancy to old age. Our studies will include finding out about prenatal development in a human's life. Comparisons will be made with other animals and we will try to establish if there is any link between the size of an animal and its period of gestation. Finally, we will discover the inevitable changes that occur as we age.



## History

In history this term, we will be looking into Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will explore the reasons that Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain, how they settled and the impact they had on the creation of England, including the language. We will then look into the invasion of the Vikings in the following years and how they continued to influence the country, including land, buildings, farming, culture and language. We finish by looking at the end of the Anglo-Saxon era by the invasion of the Normans led by William the Conqueror.

## Spanish

This half term, children will consolidate prior learning and begin new learning around the topic of school and school subjects.

## Maths

In Maths, we are starting by looking at place value and number. Place value is the foundation of all maths and understanding the value of the digits used in all other areas to ensure understanding of number. In year 5, we will look at values up to 1 million. We will explore these numbers through comparison, order, counting and rounding. We will also explore negative numbers and their use in everyday life. Once we have mastered place value, we will move onto addition and subtraction, using numbers we have used in our place value unit. We will consolidate our mental methods and improve our efficiency in written methods. We will continue to develop and consolidate our knowledge of multiplication and division facts.

## Computing

During this unit the children will be learning about selections and conditions in programming and will use this knowledge to develop a quiz in response to a given task.

## PE

Chn will learn to play basketball. They will develop passing with control and accuracy skills, as well as attacking and defending tactics and consider how to beat an opponent.

## MSE

The children will engage in team building activities. Through working together, the children will excel in their listening skills, understand and respect that everyone has a voice, manage conflicts, and problem solve effectively as a team.

## RE

Pupils will explore Christian beliefs and teachings about **sin and temptation** (concepts such as The Fall, Original Sin, Free Will, forgiveness and reconciliation).