

Drew Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



Achieving Together

Year 5

Year Group and Staff

Teachers: Ms Leech and Mr McCulloch

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English

In the first half of Spring term, we are reading 'Bling!', a modern re-telling of the myth, King Midas and The Golden Touch. The children will be discussing the dilemma that the main character, Billy faces and writing a diary entry.



In the second half-term, we will be studying two poems that make comparisons between two cities.

Maths

In Maths, we will be reading and interpreting various graphs and tables, understanding their application in everyday life.

We will also be focusing on learning efficient strategies for arithmetic and revising multiplication tables.



Science

We will be learning about the sun, earth and moon. We will be learning how the rotation and orbit of the earth impact day and night.

In the second half term, we will be learning about Living things and their habitats. We will look at a range pf life cycles. We will explore the process of reproduction in plants and animals.



Computing



We will be using a program called scratch to create a series of tessellations inspired by the Islamic artwork of Escher. We will be using inspiration from our environment to create digital art work.

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After a great start to the new behaviour system, we will be continuing to reward positive behaviour, children will be rewarded daily by receiving gems and class recognition from their peers. The class work together to ensure a culture of responsibility, respect, always making the right choice and learning together.

In instances of children making poor choices, they will be encouraged to 'Make Better Choices' before children are asked to reflect on their behaviour during their playtime the following day.

VISITS

This term we will be visiting a Hindu temple as part of the RE Curriculum. The next visit will be to the Natural History Museum as part of our focus on living things and their habitats.



Marie Curie P.E

Please ensure that your child brings and wears the correct PE uniform on the correct day.

Monday: Indoor PE (Fitness)

Friday: Outdoor PE (Football)



Temple Grandin P.E

Please ensure that your child brings and wears the correct PE uniform on the correct day.

Thursday: Indoor PE (Fitness)

Friday: Outdoor PE (Football)

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History / Geography



Our Geography topic is going to be "What is so special about the USA?" We will focus on locating the world's countries, using maps to focus on North America and concentrating on their key physical and human features, countries, and other major cities. Our History topic will be crime and punishment, we look at how crime and punishment has changed in Britain since the Roman invasion.



Music

All children will take part in Steel Pan classes every Tuesday.

Additionally, we will be integrating the arts throughout their learning through specialists called Artis. With the Artis approach, children are physically engaged in the learning process: they will be acting, singing and dancing the curriculum.



Homework

The children can support their learning at home by using 'Education City', an educational resource that supports the school curriculum. The children will be assigned work to do at home weekly by their class teacher and will submit it electronically. There will be a homework club on a Monday after school for those children who do not have access to the internet at home.



RE PSHE



In RE, we will be exploring the question 'How is Christmas celebrated around the world?' In PSHE, we will be focusing on the topic of "Me in the World".

Design Technology & Art

In DT, we will be incorporating the book 'There's a Boy in the Girls' bathroom' by designing and creating a school bag.

In Art, children will be taught different skills and techniques to help them when drawing.

The children will develop their drawing skills, including shading, showing texture and the use of shadow.