

Year 4, 5 & 6 – Autumn 1 Overview

We have an exciting half term ahead. Here is an overview of the topics that we will be covering in Year 4, 5 & 6

Subject	Topic		
English writing – Everyday	Our English writing lessons this half term are based around the book Freedom Bird: A Tale of Hope and Courage, which tells the story of John and Millicent Wheeler, whose parents were sold as slaves and who now live and work on Simon Plenty’s North Carolina Plantation. During the sequence, children will write: in role, thought bubbles, dialogue, postcard, recount, poem and the main outcome will be a biography.		
Spellings– tested on a Friday	Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• /aw/ spelt au• Prefix – in (meaning ‘not’ or ‘into’)• Prefix -im (before a root word starting with ‘m’ or ‘p’)• Prefix – il• Homophones	Year 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (shuhs) cious• (shuhs) tious / ious• Short vowel sound /i/ spelt with y• Long vowel sound /i/ spelt with y• Homophones	Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambitious synonyms: Adjectives• Homophones• Adjectives ending in - ant/ance/ancy• Adjectives ending in - ent/ence/ency• Hyphens
Maths – Everyday	Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place value• Addition and Subtraction	Year 5&6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place value• Addition and Subtraction	
Science - Monday	Our first science topic will be Grouping and classifying living things – children will; identify, sort and group animals into categories based on their features; name and identify familiar animals from insect, spider and soft-bodied invertebrate groups; are introduced to classification keys and will be able to group and classify plants.		
History – Wednesday	Our first topic in History is WWII. Children will learn about: the different countries involved; the Battle of Britain, the Blitz; code breakers at Bletchley Park; the Holocaust and the home front.		
Music – Thursday	Our first topic in Music is all about Body and Tuned Percussion. We will be developing our understanding of the structure of a piece of music; layers in a piece of music; playing a sequence in the correct order in time; contrasting rhythms being played together; different melodies being played together and finally composing a complete piece of music with four different layers with an appropriate structure.		
PE – Wednesday and Thursday	Our first PE lesson, Work Out Wednesday, is alongside the whole school, in house teams and our second PE is with Mrs. Orridge and Mr. Henson.		

Computing – Monday	In our first E-Safety unit, we will be covering age limits and discussing about how we can stay safe online. We will be using Code.org to develop our understanding of coding.
Art – Tuesday	The first Art topic of the year is Islamic Art. We will be designing and producing Islamic tiles made out of clay.
RSHE – Tuesday	Being me in our world – we will explore the question, 'Who am I and how do I fit?'
RE – Friday	This half term we will be developing our understanding of Christianity.
French – Friday	This term we will be learning the date and my family

Please ask us about our learning, we cannot wait to tell you what we have learned!