

Autumn Term in Year 3 (2016/2017).



Topic

During the Autumn Term in Year 5, we will be learning about 2 Topics separated by time: Space (First Half Term) and Ancient Greece. Both Topics will provide the opportunity for Geography and History to be taught.

Space – The Final Frontier

Space is a fantastic topic which will cover the history of Space flight, from the first rocket launches to our own British astronaut, Tim Peake's visit to the international space station. We will also be using satellite images to develop our map skills, covering the use of Atlases, coordinates and online tools like Google Earth. Year 5 will also be lucky enough to take part in a Video Conference with the National Space centre to learn more with real scientists! There are heaps of online resources available to support our work, and a trip to the Science museum is advisable to enhance your children's learning even further. The topic should be truly astronomical!

Ancient Greeks

A personal favourite of both Mr Cameron and Mr Bartlett, Ancient Greeks is a fabulous topic that will cover the history, culture and religious practises of these fantastic people. Year 5 will learn about Greek artifacts, clothing, gods and goddesses as well as the original Olympic Games! We will have an amazing trip to the British Museum as well, home to some fantastic artifacts and replicas of Greek buildings. If you wish to support your children for a potential Greek dress day, start saving your towels and bed sheets for togas now! trips

English

Our writing in Literacy will revolve around our topics. For Space, we will be writing some discussion texts with plenty of debates, as well as the opportunity to write some out of this world Space poetry. We will be focus our writing on the Apollo 13 mission to add plenty of drama. Whilst studying Ancient Greece, we will focus our writing on Icarus and the Minotaur to achieve some narrative fiction.

Maths

Within Maths we learn take a mastery approach which means spending longer on each subject to ensure the children have an embedded understanding. Please look at the curriculum map for what will be covered. It is suggested that you support your child by helping them learn their times tables and the division facts that go with them (eg. $2 \times 5 = 10$ $10 \div 2 = 5$).

Science

During the Autumn Term, we will focus on the Earth and Moon (first half term) to accompany our space theme and Forces (second half term). Earth and moon will cover such areas as the phases of the Moon and the children will be keeping Lunar Diaries to keep track of them themselves.

RE

Within RE we follow a set of plans produced by the diocese. This year we will be following the Gospel according to Matthew. The first unit will focus primarily on Genesis before moving onto Advent.