

English



We start the term by studying the short film *The Piano*. The children will be using their inference skills to learn about the main characters, so that they can write from the characters' perspectives. After that, the children will be learning about how to use a variety of techniques when writing letters to persuade others. Before Half Term, we will be studying William Shakespeare. We will be familiarising ourselves with one of his most famous plays, *Macbeth*. We are very excited to let you know that we will be taking part in Cheltenham's Shakespeare Week, which will involve working with other schools to perform *Macbeth*. More details will be given nearer the time.



After half term, the children will be using *The Alchemist's letter* as a stimulus to write an explanation about how a magical machine works. Before Easter the children will be writing a travel brochure to persuade tourists to visit Russia.



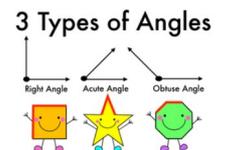
Maths



At the start of the term, the children will be solving problems involving converting between measures.

They will then investigate 2D and 3D shapes to distinguish whether they are regular or irregular. They will be drawing, measuring and investigating angles. They will also find the perimeter and volume of given shapes.

The children will learn about negative numbers and Roman numerals and will explore square and cube numbers.



Other Curriculum Areas:

Science: Exploring and testing the properties of materials.

Topic: Our Eastern-European neighbours; Russia country study.

Art: The Impressionists, specifically looking at Monet.

Computing: We are Web Developers, We are Artists

Games: Timetabled on Thursday afternoons. Spring term 1: 5H-Hockey 5W- Tag Rugby Spring term 2: 5H- Tag Rugby 5W- Hockey (Games Kits: Rugby-studs or trainers can be worn. **Hockey**- trainers, shin pads/ mouth guard could to be worn if you have them.)

PE: Gymnastics

PSHCE: Citizenship-Working Together / Healthy and Safer Lifestyles

RE: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?



Homework

Maths and Grammar: Each week the children will be set short daily questions to complete every weekday evening. These tasks will link to the learning that is going on in class and will be discussed and marked with the children.

Spellings: Issued on Friday and tested the following Friday.

Times tables: The children need to continue to practise these and must know multiplication and related division facts up to 12 x12.

Reading: Children are expected to read at least four times a week, which needs to be recorded in their reading record. Once a week the children will receive a short piece of text and a set of questions to answer.

As you can see, we have a jam packed term planned for our children. Please look at the school website's calendar for this term's key dates. If you have any questions or are able to help please pop in to see us.