



Year 5 Summer Term Newsletter – First Half

Upcoming Events



Friday 17th April – Sky Studios Trip (Invite Only)

Saturday 18th April – School Grounds Improvement Morning

Friday 24th April – Purple Day, Day of the Military Child!

w/b/ 18th May – Walk to School Week

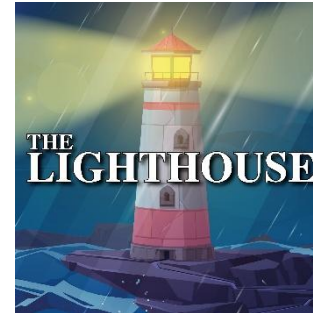
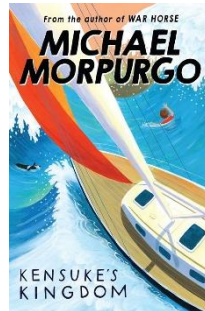
Thursday 21st May – Non School Uniform Day and Disco

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The children are revisiting key habits, exploring what helps us feel good, and setting Big Dream Goals. We learn how feelings affect focus, while building perseverance, resilience, and reflecting on our progress this year.

English



The children will immerse themselves in the world of 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and 'The Lighthouse' Film Narrative from The Literacy Shed. They will begin by exploring the themes and characters in Kensuke's Kingdom, with the final task being a discussion text. Throughout this, they will focus on SPAG skills such as conjunctions, descriptions, and the features of a discussion text, while honing their editing abilities.

Next, they will dive into the world of The Lighthouse, where they will create a narrative with an emphasis on viewpoint. The SPAG focus will be on figurative language, sentence types, and coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, helping students enhance their writing and develop more expressive, varied narratives.

Home Learning



	Details	Days Handed Out	Days Handed Back In
Reading Homework	Essential homework which should be completed as a minimum of three times a week.	Monday	Monday
Spellings	Essential homework where children will learn their spellings each week for a weekly test.	Monday	Monday
Times Tables	Extension homework where children will learn their times tables and complete on Times Tables Rockstars.	Monday	Monday
Maths and English Homework	Optional extension homework alternating each week between maths and English. Maths will be on 'My Maths' learning platform. English homework will be stuck in to the children's exercise books. Maths will be given feedback through 'My Maths' website.	Monday	Monday
Project Homework	Extension homework which includes one task to be completed as a minimum - the tasks may include maths, English or another subject. <i>Children will have half a term to complete this homework.</i>	Monday	Monday

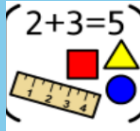
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Athletics – This unit will enhance speed, agility, endurance, and technique through a variety of track and field events.

Rounders – In this unit, the children will develop batting, fielding, throwing, and tactical awareness skills.

Maths



First, the children will explore statistics, looking at bar and line graphs. Then we move on to shape, focusing on angles and 3D shapes. After shape, we will explore position and direction within geometry.

There is a continual focus on reasoning and applying their mathematical knowledge to solve problems.

Science



The children will be learning about forces that oppose motion, exploring how different factors affect movement. There will be a focus on the overarching question: how and why do things move? Children will have three knowledge blocks:

Knowledge Block 1: Water and air resistance

Knowledge Block 2: Friction

Knowledge Block 3: Managing forces

Geography



The children will explore volcanoes, focusing on "What makes volcanoes so powerful?" They will learn where volcanoes are found, why they erupt, and their impact. They will investigate volcano types, plate boundaries, and eruption effects. Throughout, they will develop skills in researching geological significance and understanding the effects of volcanic activity on people and the environment.

Religious Education



The overarching theme is 'Creation,' where the children will explore the creation story from the perspective of various religions, comparing and contrasting beliefs about the origins of the world.

Art & Design



The children will develop their artistic skills in this unit, where they will explore watercolour techniques to create their own interpretations of Hokusai's 'The Great Wave', linking to our English unit, Kensuke's Kingdom.

Computing



The children will enhance their digital skills in the PowerPoint unit, where they will design and create engaging presentations using text, images, and animations.

Music



The children will explore 'The Magic Flute,' performing as part of an Opera Chorus. They will develop an understanding of opera as an art form, expressive singing, staging and movement skills and reflective practice through performance.

Design



Technology

The children will be making a sweet treat as part of a cooking unit, where they will learn essential baking skills. They will also assess and reflect on their baking choices.

French



The children will learn about places in a town, explore different types of locations and learn how to ask for and give directions. We also compare our town to a French town and explore similarities and differences.