

## Literacy

We will start the year by looking at the text 'Stig of the Dump,' which we will use as the basis for most of our English lessons. We will be focusing on expanded noun phrases, openers and using different types of punctuation accurately to create diary entries, instructions and non-chronological reports. Drama will also be incorporated into our English lessons.

## Geography

Our topic this half term is Europe. The children will develop knowledge of continents, countries and time zones as well as looking at human and physical geographical features of particular countries in Europe. They will also learn how to compare countries based on these features.

## Art

We will be exploring colour and mixing colour using the medium of pastels. We will also be investigating drawing figures.

## ICT

In computing, the children will focus on developing and embedding their E-safety knowledge. We will consider ways in which we can keep safe online, including the use of strong passwords, as well as what to do if we are concerned or worried by what we are seeing. They will also better understand what they should or shouldn't accept and how to deal with 'spam' emails.

## Maths

For the first half term, the children will be focusing on the place value of numbers up to seven digits. We will be recapping basic skills such as doubling, halving and other mental strategies. We will also practise times tables daily to improve accuracy and speed.

## Year 5 Autumn 1

## PE

Up until Christmas, both Year 5 classes will be attending swimming lessons every week. In school, we will be learning the skills of Handball. Every week, the children will be building up their skills of throwing, catching, dribbling and game movement.

## Science

We will start Science this year by learning about space. The children will learn about the solar system and how it works together. We will also look at how we get day and night and the importance of the moon and its different phases. We also incorporate into these lessons knowledge of key vocabulary and scientists, who have changed our view of Science.

## Music

In music the children will be developing their appraisal skills whilst listening to a variety of songs within the rock genre and will develop their key vocabulary to explain why they have an opinion of a song. They will also develop their understanding of pulse and rhythm and work on copying both back. Our key song will be 'Livin' on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi which they will learn

## RE

During this half term, the key question the children will investigate is 'What matters most to a Christian and a Humanist?' The class will learn the main idea behind Humanism and compare its beliefs and ideas to Christianity.