

Valence Primary

LITERACY

As we adapt to a new way of life, we will be working hard to deliver a balanced literacy curriculum this autumn. Our creative topic this half-term is Space Exploration. We will begin by looking at non-fiction writing including a biography of a famous British astronaut. After this we will move into poetry to explore figurative language through narrative poetry. Finally, we will end the term exploring narrative fiction.

Throughout the term, children will recap on the grammar that they learned in year four before moving into some of the year five topics. These will include: formal language, use of commas, and subordinate clauses.

A large portion of our time will be spent focusing on reading this term. Children will have a dedicated time throughout the day to practice specific reading skills as well as daily D.E.A.R. time.

PSHE

To better support children's return to school life, we will be devoting a larger portion of our curriculum time to PSHE. This will allow us to support children's mental health and support them in adapting to changes through appropriate activities. In year five children will have a short PSHE lesson each day.

Over this half term we will cover: Mindfulness and mental health skills, dealing with changes, positive attitudes and all about me.

P.E.

Children will have two P.E. lessons each week. Our topics this half-term are Sports leadership and Dance.

Please ensure your child has their P.E. Kit in school at all times.



YEAR 5

Autumn 1

PE : Please ensure children have their PE kits in school every day.

Homework Details: Children will be expected to read each day and note this in their reading records.

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

For History this half-term, we will learn about the main events in the history of space travel. We will study the Space Race and how it was affected by the politics of the Cold War.

Following on from this, we will learn about the International Space Station (ISS) and famous explorers who have shaped space exploration. This will help the children to acquire general knowledge about the solar system and recent exploration projects such as NASA.

We aim to give the children an opportunity to explore how Great Britain has been involved in key areas of space travel which will allow them to have a wider view of the history of space travel.

Towards the end of our studies for this half-term, we will explore future possibilities for space exploration and allow the children to write about how space exploration has shaped our world.

MATHS

This half-term, we will build on our fluency skills by revisiting number bonds and multiplication facts.

Throughout the half-term, children will learn how to say and write any number in words or in digits, understand how to partition any number into 100,000s, 10,000s, 1000s, 100s, 10s and 1s and know that the position of the digits give it its value and that zero can be used to hold numbers in their place. In addition, we will learn how to say the number that is 1000 more or 1000 less than any number, order and compare numbers by looking at the digits in columns in a place-value chart and round numbers.

We encourage the children to learn their times tables with accuracy and quick recall. They can use Times Tables Rock Stars or Hit the Button.

CREATIVE ARTS

(ART/DT/MUSIC)

Art/DT- This half term we will focus on the solar system and beyond drawing using shading techniques, creating a chalk pastel picture of a planet, a marbled picture of a planet, build a 3D solar system and build a textiles solar system. Children will learn what is marbling and how do we do it? What is the solar system and what does textiles mean? The children will also enter a Christmas Card competition and learn what makes an interesting / eye-catching Christmas card.

SCIENCE

In Science this term children will be learning about Space. This unit will give children an overview of Earth and its place in the Solar System, through scientific enquiry, observation and research.

Children will investigate the movement of Earth and other planets relative to the Sun, explore Earth's rotation to explain night and day and the movement of the moon.

School doors open at 8:45 and close at 8:55 promptly

