

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Autumn Term 1 - Year 5/6 Monarch Class



READING

Our text will be *Turtle Moon* by Hannah Gold. The story follows an 11-year-old girl into the Costa Rican rainforest to protect endangered leatherback turtle eggs and help her family navigate their grief.



WRITING

Our text will be *The Kingdom Over the Sea* by Zohra Nabi. Yara discovers a magical letter that transports her from England to Zehaira, a hidden kingdom of sorcerers and jinn. We will practice writing a character description using "show not tell" describing body language, and sensory details so the reader can picture the character's state for themselves.



MATHS

Year 5: Children will learn about place value in numbers up to 1,000,000 before learning to add and subtract numbers with more than four digits.

Year 6: Children will learn about place value in numbers up to 10,000,000 before revisiting and building on what they learned in Y5 about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



SCIENCE

In science, we will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats. We will find out about flowers by dissecting one and explore a range of life cycles including amphibians and birds.



HISTORY

As part of our 150th anniversary celebrations, our history topic will explore life as a Victorian. We find out about the work children were expected to do and how the industrial revolution affected people's lives.



ART

As artists, we will be working with 2D drawings and making 3D art, exploring the work of Lubaina Himid.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

In PE we will be improving our fitness with circuit training and building physical skills, particularly sending and receiving a ball.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

In RE, we will learn about the four gospels, noting some of the similarities and differences between them so that we can answer the question: How do Christians try to live? What would Jesus do?



MUSIC

We will learn about swing music, syncopation, swing rhythm, Big band instruments and scat singing by exploring the music of Max Miller.



COMPUTING

We will be learning to code simple tasks using Scratch.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC EDUCATION (PSHE)

Our focus this half term will be thinking about how choices we make today can affect our future health.



FRENCH

We will be revisiting counting, days of the week and months of the year before beginning to use these to talk about ourselves.