

History/Geography

Our History focus for the first half term is Royalty. We will study the reign of William the Conqueror and learn how King John made himself very unpopular as monarch. We will also study the reign of Queen Anne and what Queen Victoria achieved during her reign. We will finish our royalty focus by explaining what different monarchs achieved, secured and how they continued to exact power on the UK we will also consider the role of the royal family in modern day society.

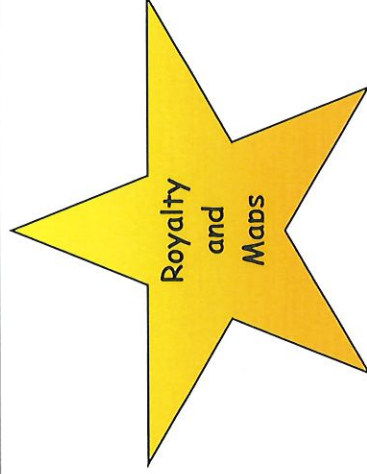
After October Half Term our Geography focus is Maps. We will be exploring the range of maps available to geographers and develop our understanding of the key features of a map. We will learn to use the 8 points of a compass and give grid references to locate places on a map. We will also compare maps of the same place over time.

Maths

In Maths we will start the year by revisiting and recapping our place value understanding. We will look at recognising and writing numbers up to tens of millions and numbers going into tenths, hundredths and thousandths. We will also look at classifying and sorting square, prime and triangular numbers. We will then move on to looking at all four of the key number operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication). We will apply this knowledge to a range of questions and open ended problems. We will then look at simplifying fractions, ordering fractions and finding the fraction of an amount.

Art/Design Technology

In Art this term we will be making links to our Royalty topic. We will be analysing and studying how royal portraits have changed over the generations and the symbolism in the paintings. In Design Technology we will be designing and making our own royal crowns.

R.E.

In RE we are going to explore the key themes in the Old Testament and how they impact the lives of Christians. We are also going to make links between the Old Testament and other religions.

We are also going to be studying Humanism. We will examine the difference between religious and non-religious world views. We will look at the origin of Humanism and its core beliefs.

Computing

We will be focusing on the importance of online safety in computing this half term.

English

The first book we are going to study this term is *Once by Morris Gleitzman*. Once tells the story of Felix's journey through war torn Poland as he searches for his parents. This modern day classic is all about the power of friendship. This text is one of my all-time favourites, I am sure the class will enjoy it! The second book we will read is *Otherland* by Louie Stowell. I am sure the class are going to love this darkly funny, action packed fantasy adventure. We are also going to be reading *The Incredible Talking Machine* by Jenni Spangler. This story of mystery and magic is set in Victorian Manchester.

Science

In Science we will be learning about animals and humans. We will be building our knowledge and understanding of different systems within the body. We will research the functions of the circulatory system and how nutrients are transported around the body.

P.E.

In PE we will learning and practicing a range of core skills associated with invasion games. We will then progress to playing small sided games of hockey and netball. After October Half Term we will be learning a range of gymnastic skills. We will also be swimming during the Autumn and Spring Terms.

Music

Year Five will be learning the clarinet with Mrs Bailey. We will be listening, appreciating and discussing music from right across history. We will be learning a range of seasonal songs as well as using instruments to perform and accompany the music. We will also be learning the songs for the Young Voices Concert at Manchester Arena!