

Year 5 - Summer A

Money Makes the world Go Round



Geography

Our main topic explores global trade - what it is, who our country trades with and how this has changed over the years. We explore where foods we eat originate from and their trade journey to arrive in our homes. We also look at fair trade and what this means. Some current issues will be explored e.g. energy prices and the popularity of 'fast fashion'.

PSHE

This half term it is a wider world topic, looking at 'money matters'. This explores ways to keep money safe, financial risks, how to budget and spend money wisely. It also looks at the idea of 'value for money' and how our choices can impact the environment around us i.e. fair trade products, plastic pollution etc.

RE

We will be learning about Commitment and what this means. We shall look at different commitments people make within their faiths, such as fasting or sacrifice. Marriage is explored as both a religious and non-religious commitment and the children will be encouraged to think about things in their life to which they have shown commitment.

Art/DT

We will be doing a focused block of work to develop our drawing skills in our sketch books. We shall look at different ways to use pencil lines and shading to represent real life objects and explore perspective and how we can show this in our work.

ICT

We will investigate a drawing package that allows us to build up vector drawings. We will learn to select appropriate drawing tools to create shapes before we size and align them, add layers to our work and manipulate what we have created by copying/grouping the shapes. We will use these skills to create our own habitat pictures for the animals we create in literacy.

Science

Our science topic is called 'Animals including humans' During this topic, we will be learning about: the human timeline, the growth of babies, puberty in humans and animals, changes in old age, gestation periods and life expectancy. You will be informed before we do the session on puberty.

PE

We are delighted to have new hockey equipment for our older children and we will be learning to play 'Quicksticks' hockey on a grass pitch. We shall be applying the skills of dribbling, tackling, passing etc that we began in the Spring term as we learn the rules of the game and how to play as an effective team. There will also be the opportunity to develop ball skills with a football. (Tuesdays)

We will also continue to build our fitness through circuits activities (Fridays)

French

We will be learning to speak and listen to information about our homes and pets. We will be doing simple recording and looking at ways French words are written/spelled.

Literacy

We begin by looking at non-fiction writing about a 'new' animal that has been discovered. We will write about the features, habitat, diet etc of this animal (made up of features of several known animals) in a structured piece of work using subheadings and focused paragraphs to organise the content. We will learn to use modal verbs and different types of parentheses (brackets, commas) to add detail to our information writing. We move on to look at persuasive writing as we debate and discuss issues arising within our trade topic. We will present written arguments explaining points for and against a subject before giving our educated opinions.

Maths

We continue our work on decimals this half term. We shall be using these in calculations as well as sequencing them and comparing them with fractions and percentages. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes - making sure we can name regular shapes and their features. We then learn about different kinds of angles, with some of us beginning to use protractors to draw and measure angles.