



# Year 5 - Autumn Term 1

I hope you all had a lovely summer and a well-earned rest. I am looking forward to continuing to get to know the children and seeing them progress over the next year. We have so much planned and hope that the children enjoy their first term in year 5! Please remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter for weekly updates of what we get up to in Year 5!

## Important Dates:

Monday 11th September– KS2 French Day

Wednesday 6th September -Welcome to Year Group– KS1 – 4.30pm and KS2-5pm

Wednesday 11th October – Harvest Festival

Thursday 19th October: Year 5 and 6– Assembly

## French

In French, our new unit is called 'Do you have a pet?' In this unit, we will be looking at names of animals and how to explain what pets we have.

## English

This half term, we will be looking at fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We are starting the year off by looking at the novel 'Podkin One Ear' by Kieran Larwood. We will start by making a prediction about the book and then as we read through we will use the inspiration to write our own adventure story based on the events. In our grammar and vocabulary lessons, we will be looking at relative clauses and commas and the children will learn how to use these in their writing in order to use them in independent pieces.

Within our English lessons, we will also be looking at spelling patterns such as adding prefixes to root words and will also be looking at adding suffixes such as **-tious, -ious**. Spelling Shed also has a range of games, activities and challenges to support the spelling that are taught in class. Please click [here](#) to login.

## Reading

Throughout the half term, for our whole class reading we will be 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie. It is a dazzling and quirky tale, full of imagination and wonder which follows the story of Daniel, an orphan growing up in a children's home, whose life changes dramatically when he stumbles upon 'The Nowhere Emporium'.

We will start using a programme to develop our reading fluency called 'Reading Plus', this an amazing online reading program that enables us to make great progress with our reading - click [here](#) to login.

## Maths

In Maths, this half-term we will begin the half term by looking at number and place value. Within number and place value we will be learning to count forwards and backwards through zero, read, write, order, compare and round numbers to 100,000. To know the value of each digit in a number up to 100,000 and to count on and back in steps of 100, 1000, 10,000, 100,000 from any number up to 1,000,000.

We will also be learning to add and subtract 4 digit number with confidence. We will be using the column method to show our working out.

## Science

In science we will start the year off with learning about living things and their habitats. We will focus specifically upon describing the differences in the life cycles of mammals, birds, insects and amphibians. We will then also discuss the differences between the life cycles of the different groups of animals. We will also be able to describe the reproductive cycle of a plant and an animal.

Throughout the unit, we will also be dissecting a flower to look at the reproductive cycle.

## RE

This term our RE unit is Christianity and our specific focus will be God. We will be considering consider the different ways that myth and stories are and used.

We will learn the story of 'Adam and Eve' and the consequences of their disobedience and the different ways this story can be interpreted by Christians.

## Art

This half term we will be focusing on painting. We will begin with looking at Vincent Van Gogh's artwork in detail and looking at the different painting techniques he used. We will then experiment ourselves with the techniques to the finally create a painting of a landscape in our local area in the style of Vincent Van Gogh.

## Geography and History Unit

In history, our enquiry question for this half term is 'Did the British Empire change Britain much?' Firstly, we will learn what an Empire is and then move onto when and how the British Empire began. Will will then look at the chnages and effects it on had Britain.

In geography, we will be looking at land use and how the land around our local area of Chorley has changed overtime. We will also learn the different areas of Chorley and will be visiting them on a local fieldwork trip.

## PSHE

We will be continuing our PSHE topic entitled 'Valuing differences.' We will address some powerful topics such as discrimination and injustice, the importance of mutual respect for different faiths and beliefs and how people sometimes aim to create an impression of themselves in what they post online that is not real and what might make people do this.

## Music

This half term, our music will be delivered by Ms Jones our singing teacher. The children will be learning about the terms rhythm and pulse and will compose their own song based on our topic of the Victorians.

## Computing

In computing, we will begin the year by focusing upon using Microsoft Power point to create a presentation based upon our topic of protecting our environment. We will be designing slides, editing transitions and timings, adding hyperlinks and applying animations to create an effective power point to present.

## PE

This half term, we In PE, we will be developing our ball skills in various ways e.g. dribbling, bouncing, kicking and linking these together with co-ordination.