Leyburn Primary School curriculum newsletter

Year: 5 Term: Autumn 2 2026

Termly overview: Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great half-term break. Just a reminder that each child in Year 5 has a login for two different platforms: Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed. These should be used as part of the child's homework during the week, if possible. Please have a look at Class Dojo to see how your child is doing and for any messages about the class. Facebook will continue to provide you with photos of what we and other classes have been up to. As the weather becomes a little more unpredictable, and because we use our school grounds in all weather, children need a spare pair of shoes / wellies that they can leave on our shoe rack for outdoor sessions and breaktimes. They can be sent home each afternoon or on a Friday for the weekend, if needed. Children should also have a warm coat each day.

Thanks. *Mrs Salonga*

English: We will be continuing our theme of 'journeys' with our next book study of Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica. We will be taking on roles of the crew and using lots of spoken language before writing a recount of our experiences onboard Endurance. We will be continuing our focus on transcription with regular handwriting and spelling practice and learning how to control and extend our sentences to be more complex and succinct.

Storytime / RfP: We are well into our class read of Journey to the River Sea and we are rather excited to find out what happens as she ventures out on her own into the Amazon.

Maths: We will be finishing off our work on factors, multiples, square, cube and prime numbers before heading onto a unit of fractions which will take us up until at least Christmas. We will be recognising equivalent fractions, comparing, converting and calculating with them. It is **extremely** helpful for the students if they know their times tables really well – once they can recall them quickly, fractions are literally, a piece of cake!

Science: We will be continuing our learning about the properties of materials and how they can change state as well as exploring this practically using some cooking in DT.

RE: We will be finishing off our unit on Islam, talking about Hajj and why people of different faiths complete such journeys.

Then we will begin our focus on Christmas, discussing the journey of Mary and Joseph and reflect on its true meaning to Christians.

Computing: This half-term will be an arty one with an exploration into vector graphics. They will explore how to combine shapes to make images, layer to edit photographs and then work on designing a logo for themselves.

History: Building on the RE work from last half-term and linking with our work on 'journeys', we will explore the truly fascinating Early Islamic Civilisation. We will learn about their forward-thinking scholars and the work on science, technology, engineering and maths, making comparisons with English life at the time.

PE:

*** Tuesdays & Thursdays ***

On Tuesdays we'll be working on a unit of rugby to build our stamina and Thursday will be core rhythm and balance in dance.

*** Children must bring spare shoes on * PE days in case we are outside and get muddy.**

PSHE: The theme this half term is health and well-being. We will look at healthy diet, its effect on our physical and mental health as well as exercise, illness and ways we can help ourselves to form healthy habits and stay well.

DT: We didn't quite get around to this one so we will be exploring cooking and nutrition with making some yummy healthy pancakes.

French: We'll be revising our previous learning as well as learning how to talk about our pets.

Here's a video to get you moving and practise the vocabulary!

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