

CCJ Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Spring terms 3 and 4 2009

Topic



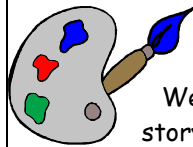
Our topic this term is 'Passport to the World'. After spending some time learning about World maps, we will be finding out about map symbols, how to read simple maps and will be creating our own. After half term each class will be focussing on a particular country and using our research and geographical skills to find out about the culture of the different countries. This will include dressing up, cooking and tasting food, dancing, art work, singing and looking at religions.

Science

We will be finishing off learning about the Earth, Sun and Moon, connecting with our 'World' topic, then we will move onto learning about the life cycles of plants and animals.



Art and DT



In our creative lessons, we will be learning how to use dry ink to create front covers for our writer's journals.

We will be using textiles to re-create a story board and will be working using pastels, pencils and chalk.

PE and Games



In our lessons with Mr Garrett and Miss Fry, we will be refining different team skills, including ball skills. Indoor PE will be learning how to balance safely on different body parts

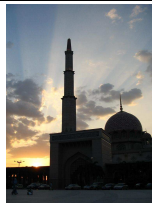
Music

In music this term we will be finding out about National Anthems and music from around the World. We will have the opportunity to make and play our own instruments.



RE

We will be finding out about the practices of Islam in our religious education lessons. Using the Internet and books, we will find out about prayer and daily life.



French

We will be learning about countries around the World where children also learn French and will be rehearsing vocabulary.



ICT

In ICT we will be continuing to find out about spreadsheets and will be learning to program a computer using a simple program called Flowel.



SEAL/PSHE

We will be looking at new year's resolutions in our 'Going for Goals' topic, and then will be learning to give and receive compliments in 'It's good to be Me!' after half term.



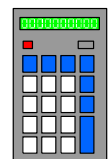
Literacy

Our main focus this term is on story writing. We are beginning this term by looking at the structure of short stories and will be writing many of our own with help from the teachers in our 'Writer's workshops'. After half term we will be learning how to write myths and legends and will be creating our own adventure stories. In our non-fiction work, we will be creating and following instructions.



Numeracy

This term we will be practicing written methods for adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying. We will be ordering decimals and putting them on a numberline and will be creating our own 2D and 3D shapes. In our problems solving lessons, we will be finding out how to solve multi-step problems. Please practice your tables at home!



We are all looking forward to the fresh start this new year. Please can you help your child at home by checking their homework books and supporting as necessary.

It is great to see so many children are still reading daily at home.

As always, our doors are open if you have any concerns about your child in Year 5.

L Pickering, V Milne and A Myers (Yr 5 teachers)