

English In order to progress our comprehension skills, Year 5 will be watching 'Secret Spitfires' which explores the lives of the women and young boys in 1940 who were vital in contributing to the war effort through building Spitfires in secret. This will then be followed by reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf - a heart-warming novel exploring compassion, acceptance, empathy and friendship.

In our writing, Y5 are constructing persuasive letters addressed to women and elderly men in Salisbury during 1940 to encourage them to join the secret Spitfire war effort using modal verbs, relative clauses and emotive language. Following this, we will then use all our learning to construct a non-chronological report on the Battle of Britain.

History Our learning this half term is driven by History. Our topic is the Battle of Britain and our key question is, 'Why was winning the Battle of Britain so important in 1940?'. Throughout this unit, the children will come to understand why this victory for Britain was such a turning point in WWII and why Nazi Germany aimed to control the skies over Britain before attempting to invade. We will be using all different primary and secondary sources to evidence our learning as well as throwing ourselves into a home learning 'Make and Do' project building our own Spitfires!

French Year 5 will be talking about what they look like and learning the names of their features. They will then be able to put together sentences in French describing themselves!

PE/Games Our Monday PE is Hockey. Year 5 will practise travelling with the ball using a hockey stick whilst making accurate and controlled passes to teammates. They will work on and understand the importance of communication when playing a team game.

On Wednesday, Year 5 will be learning Gymnastics. The children will focus on creating symmetrical and asymmetrical balances safely, both independently and in groups. They will then use their learning to create routines.

Maths

During this term we will further our learning on fractions through adding, subtracting, converting from improper to mixed (and vice versa) as well as ordering them.

Year 5 will have a specific focus on reasoning and problem solving, using what they have learned to really think and explain the why and how.

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Science

In Science, the children will be looking at 'Animals including Humans'. During this, they will look at the human life cycle, the stages they will begin to go through as they get older and understand what gestation period is and why its length varies across all living things.

Art/Music

In art, Year 5 will use their learning from the Battle of Britain and Spitfires to create a silhouetted sunset piece using water colour paint for the background as well as acrylic for the foreground. This unit will show their progression of skills from their learning in Year 3.

In music, we will look at 'Classroom Jazz, with a focus on the Three Note Bossa. The children will learn more about note value and have a go at playing on the Glockenspiels.

RE

This half term, the children will be focusing on Christianity. Our enquiry question is: 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' During this unit, the children will explore what qualities a Messiah might have/need.

PSHE/ ICT

Our PSHE theme this half term is 'Valuing Differences.' Here, we will be having open discussion about what it means to discriminate and stereotype and ways in which we can all ensure we are constantly challenging these views, leading to sharing kindness and respect always.

Our ICT work will be on Creating Media. The children will learn all about stop-motion and how to create their own projects digitally.