

Maths During this term, Year 5 will be learning all about Shape, including identifying 3D ones, as well as looking at Position and Direction, and revisiting our learning on Decimals, to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Again, we will continue to strengthen our Reasoning and Problem Solving Skills!

English In Guided Reading, our book is, 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' - Louis Sachar.

In our English units, Y5 will be constructing persuasive leaflets in order to encourage holiday go-ers to visit a location renowned for having volcanic eruptions. They will need to make sure they are aware of devices needed to encourage and persuade such as, exaggeration, positive twists and adverbs of possibility.

Y5's second unit will be to write a letter based on our class book. They will be needing to use appropriate vocabulary in order to 'fight' to keep the school guidance councillor, Carla, from the story.

Geography Our learning this half term is driven by Geography. Our topic is Volcanoes, with a specific focus on the island of Hiemaey (an Icelandic island).

The children will be learning about what volcanoes are, how they are distributed around the world, and the links these have to tectonic plates. They will then use this learning to explore a case study on 'Hiemaey', discovering what happened during Eldfell's eruption and how both physical and human geography was affected by this.

French Year 5 will be talking about School Life! They will learn all about the school subjects, develop sentences for a maths lesson and learn to ask questions...all in French!

PE/Games Our Wednesday PE is Rounders. Year 5 will practise a whole range of skills, including throwing and catching, as well as developing their batting skills to take part in a game.

On Thursdays, the children will be learning Cricket. The children will understand the rules of the game as well as the required techniques in order to bowl accurately and play fairly.

Science

In Science, the children will be looking at Properties of Materials. The children will compare and group everyday materials based on their properties, including hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity and response to magnets. We will also be looking at how some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and the children will learn how to recover a substance from this solution.

DT/Music In DT, Year 5 will be looking at what makes a meal healthy and which ingredients help to give it a more nutritional value. From this, they will develop their own Bolognese recipes, followed by preparing and cooking this sauce!

In music, we will look at 'Dancing in the Street' by Martha and the Vandellas. The children will explore this Motown style piece and use instruments to learn, improvise and compose their own pieces in this style.

RE This half term, the children will be focusing on 'the best way for a Sikh to show their commitment'. They will develop an understanding of what commitment is and independently investigate the different ways in which Sikhs show commitment, including their Selfless Service 'Sewa'.

PSHE/ ICT Our PSHE theme this half term is 'Being my Best'. In this unit, the children will learn about the importance of community and will learn that not every skill and talent can come naturally to them—instead this will require practice, commitment and resilience.

Our ICT will be 'Creating Media'. The children will learn all about combining shapes to create a vector drawing and to discover what skills are needed to become a graphic designer.

Year 5 - Summer 1 How do volcanoes affect the lives of people on Hiemaey?

