

Year 5 Nightingales



Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 1 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome Nightingales class to the new school year. Following our summer break, we are all raring to go with our exciting units of learning. I look forward to meeting parents and carers in person, in the classroom, to share our vision and objectives for the year ahead when we hold our "Meet the teacher" evening. Details of our irresistible curriculum for this half-term can be found below. Remember you can follow our Instagram feed and see what we are doing!

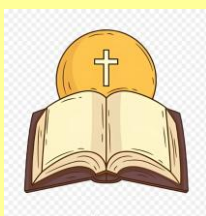
Geography

In our Geography lessons we will be focusing on the continent of North America. The title of our topic will be 'American Road Trip'. We will be looking at the three major geographical regions: Northern America, Central America and the Caribbean.



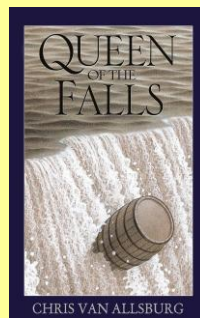
Religious Education

In our RE lessons we will be answering the question: How and why do Christians read the Bible? We will look at the importance and impact of the contents of the Bible in the lives of Christians.



English

Key Text:



Queen of the Falls
By Chris Van Allsburg.

Queen of the Falls tells the story of Annie Edson Taylor's quest to find fame and fortune by being the first person ever to go over the thundering waters of Niagara Falls in a barrel

Using this text as inspiration, pupils will write a series of diary entries about significant events in Annie's life using our ACE Writer's toolkit and techniques such as building cohesion within paragraphs and using vocabulary to achieve purpose and address a desired audience.

Maths

This half term, White Rose Maths focuses on place value.

We will also be continuing to work on our arithmetic skills.



Physical Education

PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Fridays.

Additionally, children will develop a range of outdoor skills during COAL on Thursday afternoons.



Computing

Pupils will be learning about computer systems and networks. They will develop their understanding of how information is transferred between systems and devices. Pupils will learn about how information is found on the World Wide Web, through learning how search engines work and what influences searching.



Science

We will be looking at forces. Firstly, we will explore forces and what friction is. We will then plan and conduct our own experiment based on air resistance, which will involve the pupils working in teams to produce parachutes. Next, we will look at water resistance before exploring gravity.



French

We will practise conversational phrases to allow us to engage in short dialogue with each other. We will respond to instructions given in French as well as using masculine and feminine nouns.



PSHE

In our weekly Jigsaw lessons we will be looking at "Being Me In The World". This will include looking at becoming a successful school citizen and rights, responsibilities and democracy.



COAL

On Thursday afternoons the children have a fantastic opportunity to explore outdoor learning.



Reminders

Our COAL afternoon is Thursday. Nightingales will have Forest School lessons this half term. On P.E. days (Mondays and Fridays) please send your children in their P.E kits, which they will stay in for the entire day. Please be mindful that the children will need to wear tracksuit bottoms, or shorts, and tops or t-shirts. Homework for maths and English will be set on Fridays, to be completed by the following Friday. Reading books should be in school every day please. I am looking forward to a fantastic half-term and thank you in advance for all your support in these matters.

Mr. Aljilani 😊