

Year 5 Nightingales



Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful and relaxing break. 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!

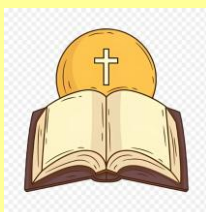
History

In our History lessons we will be looking at the question: Who was the bravest? We will be studying the lives of influential and revered figures such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks.



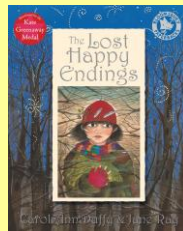
Religious Education

In our RE lessons we will be answering the question: How does the birth of Jesus fit into God's big story? This will give children a biblical perspective on the nativity story and deepen children's understanding of what Christians believe to be the true meaning of Christmas.



English

Key Text:



The Lost Happy Endings
By Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray.

The Lost Happy Endings is a story about Jub, the keeper of happy endings for bedtime stories, who tries to recover them after a wicked witch steals the sack containing them. Jub finds a golden pen and creates new, alternative happy endings to save the day.

Using this text as inspiration, pupils will write a traditional tale 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 fractions.

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.



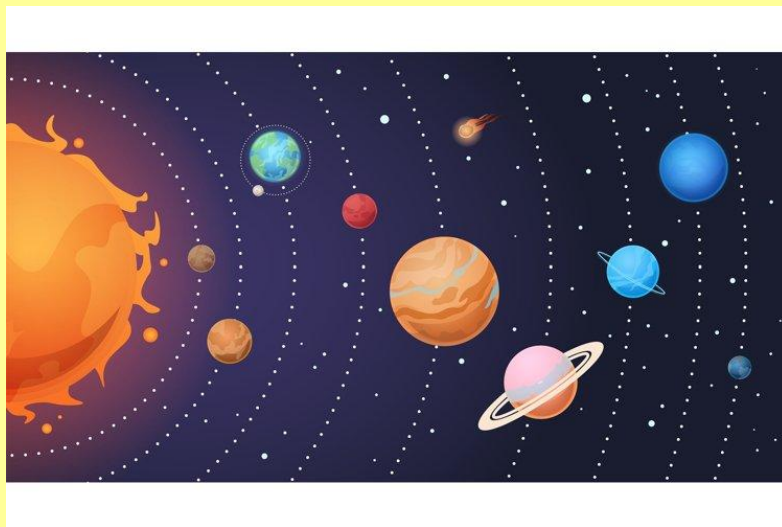
Computing

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 space. Firstly, we will explore the solar system. Then, we will look at individual planets and their characteristics. Later we will look at how people's ideas of the solar system have changed over time before finally looking at night and day and the moon.



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 "Celebrating Difference". This will include looking at different cultures and celebrating difference across the world.



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 😊