

## Theme

### Best of British

Our overarching theme for this term is Best of British, encompassing a focus on life in 20th Century Britain until the modern day. We will be studying the changes in life and society over the past 100 years and how this has had an influence on how we live today. Throughout the term we will make comparisons between the past and present in the areas of technology, art, design, entertainment as well as looking at the locations and changing landscapes of the British Isles.

## English

J.K Rowling's *Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone* will be our key text for many of our English lessons within the Autumn Term. Students will be studying in detail the style of J.K Rowling, the characteristics of her writing and how this compliments the genre of the novel. Using these ideas, children will aim to improve their writing skills to develop their crafting of character and setting descriptions as well as other styles of writing such as newspaper reports. Encouraging your child to read the story and become familiar with the plot and characters would be greatly appreciated and beneficial to their learning. In addition to this, we will learn how to create, structure and perform poetry inspired by Benjamin Zephaniah's poem 'The British'. We will also be exploring other genres of non-fiction writing and their features such as instructional writing.

## Creative Arts

**Art** - We will be studying and replicating the work of Banksy using stencilling.

**Design Technology** - Prepare and bake their own desserts in preparation for our very own 'Great British Bake Off'. We will be inspired by our science knowledge, and children will be designing, developing, making and evaluating their own structures.

**Music** - Through the work of British artists, we will be looking at rhythm and will practise and perform vocal and instrumental pieces.

## French

We will be learning to discuss things when we are on holiday and eating out.

# Best of British Year 5 Autumn Term

## Our Five Core Values

Express yourself, I See I wonder, More than me, Rise to the challenge and Healthy body, healthy mind.

### SMSC

Exploring British values, understanding consequences of behaviour and actions and also use a range of social skills.

## Mathematics

Children will complete the following Power Maths units:

- ◆ Place Value within 100,000.
- ◆ Place Value within 1,000,000
- ◆ Addition and Subtraction
- ◆ Graphs and Tables
- ◆ Multiplication and Division
- ◆ Measure—area and perimeter

## Science - Materials

Within Science, children will be building upon and developing their knowledge of materials. They will investigate, in detail, the properties of various everyday materials and draw upon this knowledge to design a shelter for Scabbers the rat. There will also be an opportunity to plan and conduct an investigation into different thermal insulators.

We will also be using prior knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. Furthermore, in a potions style lesson, we will demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes.

## Diary Dates

Friday 17th November 2023 - Year 5 Children in Need Assembly  
Tuesday 5th December 2023 - Warner Bros Studio Tour Trip

## P.E

P.E lessons will take place on a Thursday for both classes. Please ensure your child has the correct indoor and outdoor kits in school at all times, appropriate for all weather conditions. This term children will be learning the rules of handball as well as developing the skills the sport requires such as team work, ball manipulation and handling skills and tactical awareness. We will also be swimming on a Friday, please ensure your child has the correct kit detailed on the letter sent at the end of last term.

## PSHE

- Our British Values and their importance: democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect and tolerance for the beliefs of those with different faiths, beliefs and opinions.
- Learn about forming positive and respectful relationships with friends and family.

## RE

- ◆ We will be looking at the importance of prayer within Christianity and the rituals undertaken during prayer.

## ICT

### e-Safety, Coding and Digital Art

We will continue to remind the children how to stay safe when they are online throughout the summer term.

We will be using the Sketch-Up program to design 3D models of famous British landmarks. To fit with our Best of British theme, we will also be producing digital artwork inspired by contemporary British artists.

## Home Learning

Homework will be set weekly, on a Friday. This will be expected to be completed for the following Friday. Longer projects may sometimes be set to complete and present. Spellings must be rehearsed at home to be tested in school every Friday. Times tables will also be tested daily. Please ensure your child practises these Times Tables Rockstars in addition to any weekly homework set.