## Year 5, Spring 2, 2021

The children have returned to school with an enthusiasm for learning which is so great to see. Year 5 are showing great progress across the curriculum, and I've planned a range of challenging and engaging lessons to reflect this. We will continue with our Sow, Grow and Farm topic which continues to be based on Geography and Science but will touch all elements of the children's curriculum as you can see below.

English



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In English we are looking at the classic children's book; Charlotte's Web. This fits perfectly with our theme of Sow, Grow and Farm as it recounts the story of Fern, a young girl who rescues a piglet, Wilbur and their befriending of a remarkable spider called Charlotte. During the unit we will looking at writing as another person, diary entries, poetry, playscripts and the children will also be writing their own ending for the book. This text works really well with our class book, The Secret Garden.



Maths



In Maths we are studying Fractions and looking at how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. Following on from this we will be looking at Translations, which sounds like French, but it is the way in which we can turn shapes through 90, 180 or 270 degrees or move them across coordinates without changing the dimensions of the shape. We then have enough time for 'Time'.

Science



Science this term is featuring those brilliant inventors and scientists who shape the world we live in today. Starting with Sir David Attenborough and his broadening of our understanding of the natural world and ending with Galileo who literally changed the way we look at our planet. On top of all this we have loads of exciting ideas in Science Week which starts on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March.

Computing



For this unit of computing the children will be building and then interrogating databases. They will start off by populating their own database and then finding information from it.

Geography/History



For Geography we are looking at North and South America, but in keeping with our theme we will be focussing on the farming that goes on there.

D&T and Art



Eating the Seasons is part of our Sow, Grow and Farm theme which means we will be making soups from seasonal vegetables. Squash, apparently, is in season! Then in art we are looking making art with nature from stick sculptures to stone towers.

PΕ



For PE we are continuing on our unit of Netball. Having mastered the chest pass and progressed through the bounce pass we will be looking at the shoulder pass and then playing more inter group competitions.

Music	For music it's a trip down memory lane to Will Smith's greatest hits and "The Freesh Prince of Bel Air."
RE	The theme for RE is looking at why people think that God exists. In the unit the children learn in depth from different religious and non-religious groups about belief in God.
PSHE	We are continuing our look at "Healthy Me" where we look at the internal and external effects that the things we put in our body have on us.

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and should be returned by the following Tuesday. Children will have Maths homework which can be found on the MyMaths website or they can complete the Maths sheet that is stuck into their homework book. Children will be also asked to complete a topic-based activity as detailed on the weekly homework sheet which is stuck into your child's homework book. Any lost homework books will be replaced this term.

If you have any questions about this half term's learning or you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your support,

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