

Year 5 News

June 2021



North America



Our new theme for this half term is North America and will be covered across the curriculum.

We will be studying the geography of the continent: human and physical. We will look at the main geographical features such as key mountain ranges, rivers and other bodies of water and we will also look at how land is used.

Science

In science our theme is animal life cycles. The children will be learning about metamorphosis by studying the lives of butterflies and dragonflies. We will also move on to looking at the classification of animals.



Alongside animal life cycles, we will also be looking at the changes during human puberty. Further information will be sent out to parents/carers nearer the time.

Health and well being



We will be focusing on conflict and resolution this half term, understanding why we argue and looking at ways to resolve differences amicably.

English

We have started the term by reading William Shakespeare's Macbeth. The children will spend time interpreting the story using drama and getting into character ready for some related writing tasks.



In addition to this, our grammar focus will be on using reported and direct speech, the present perfect tense and confidently using a wide range of punctuation including dashes and colons.

Food and Nutrition

For our design and technology lessons this half term, we will be planning and preparing a healthy take-away. The children will be researching health and environmental impacts of both meat and vegetarian burgers and the children will also have the chance to design their own packaging.

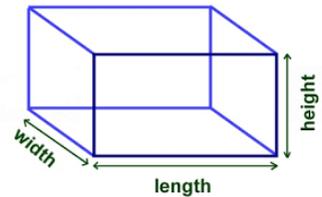


Spellings

In class we will continue to consolidate the spelling rules learned over Year 4 and Year 5.

Maths

We will continue our focus on geometry skills, starting with angles and shape, and going on to look at mathematical translations, from one position to another and the symmetry of shapes.



We will then look at measures, focusing primarily on metric units of measurement. We shall use our knowledge of conversions and different units to solve problems about time, weight, capacity and size.

PE

This half term, we will be looking at athletics events. Please ensure your child has the appropriate Westways PE kit (white t-shirt, dark shorts and trainers/plimsolls) with them in school all week ready for PE. During lessons they will need to **remove all jewellery**. If your child is unable to do PE, they *must* present a note explaining why they are exempt.



Y5W will also continue with their swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon until the end of term.