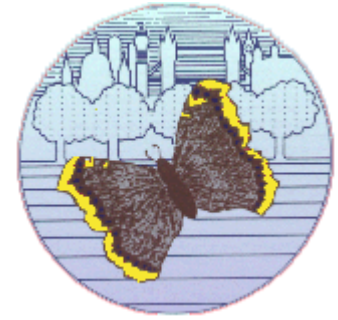


TERM *talk*

CURRICULUM NEWS
FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY
Issued termly Unit 3 and 4 Year 5 Spring 2016

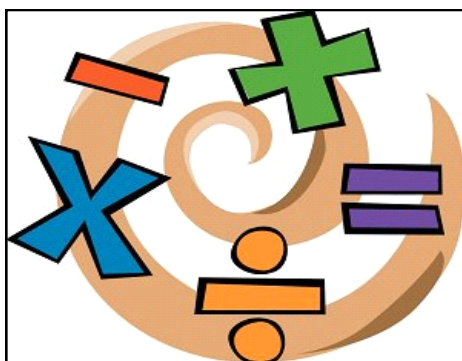


Maths

The new term gets into swing with a revision of **place value**, that is, knowing about units, tens, hundreds and thousands. We will be working our way towards understanding and using large numbers such as millions.

Pupils will also be revising the **four rules** of number - **addition, subtraction, multiplication and division** and solving simple mathematical problems. The children will then be furthering their knowledge of **percentages** and simple word problems. The children will again be furthering their knowledge of **Length, Volume, Perimeter and Area**. We will then move onto data handling, collecting and recording data using tables and graphs and interpreting data presented in different forms in **Statistics**.

We cannot emphasise strongly enough the need to be confident with **multiplication facts** - *So please practise the multiplication tables at home!*



English

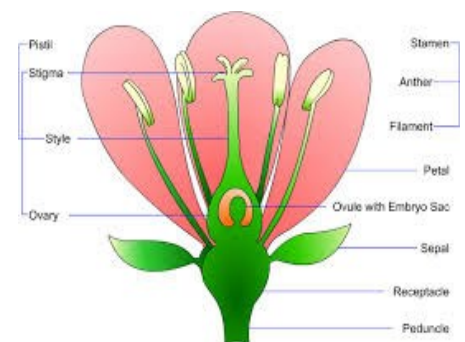
We begin the spring looking at comparing films with text through the story, **A Little Matchgirl**. We will look at creating our own versions of the story by using our senses to describe the environment and creating dramatic effect throughout the story.

Following this we will be looking at **film narrative**. We will look at the film, **The Piano** and thinking about the stories behind the film. We will also think about the issues raised and create dialogues between characters using speech marks accurately. We will also study the content and structure of the film.

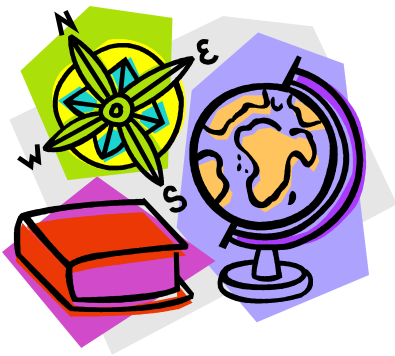


Science

This term we will begin looking at the life cycle of flowering plants. This begins by learning the scientific names of the reproductive parts of a flower, which we will identify by dissecting real flowers in the classroom. The children will be learning about insect pollination and how fertilization occurs. We will look at the entire life cycle of a flowering plant. We will also be looking at Animals including humans which involving looking at the human cycle in detail. The children will learn about the changes as humans develop from birth to old age.



OUR SUBJECTS

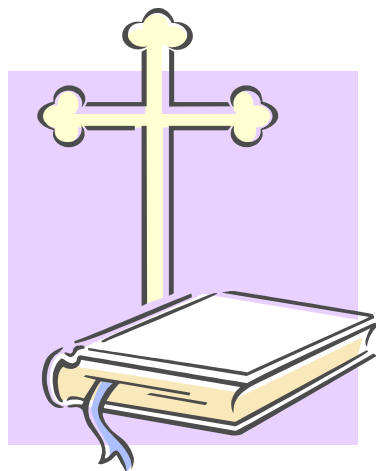


Geography

In Geography, the children will be learning about the continent of North America. They will look at the cities, states and the landscapes of the different countries. They will research the country of Canada and write a report which draws upon both human and physical geography.

I.C.T.

We will beginning to work on developing Animation skills building on the work the children did in Year 4. We will be using the Apple software iMotion and Stop motion. They will produce their own short animation and then add sound and other effects.



RE

In the first half term our topic is **Inspirational People**. We will be reflecting on what this means and the qualities that inspiring people demonstrate. We will look at what it means to be a true follower of Jesus and learn about St Josephine Bakhita, someone who showed great love for others in spite of great adversity. We will also learn about the work of Father Damien in caring for people suffering from leprosy. As we approach Lent we will think about how we can serve others at home, school, locally and globally.

After half term our topic will be **Reconciliation**. We will be thinking about times we have made the wrong choices and how our actions affect others. We will study the Parable of the Prodigal Son and reflect on what this teaches us God's forgiveness. We will learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will also have an opportunity to make the Stations of the Cross, as part of our preparations for Easter.

Physical Education

For the **games** lessons this half term we will be concentrating on ball games including volleyball and tag rugby. This will give us the opportunity to work on catching and aiming skills in combination with key hand eye coordination. The children will be working on developing a range of skills to be applied in competitive situations.

After half term we will continue to develop these skills in a range of ways with the children building on from what has gone before to help improve their special awareness and communication skills in team settings.

Music

This term year 5 will be learning how to play the guitar. Over the course of the term the children will learn a range of chord progressions and strumming techniques to play some well known songs.

Children who would like to learn other musical instruments can put their name forward. Available instruments include flute, clarinet, brass or even extra lessons in guitar.

