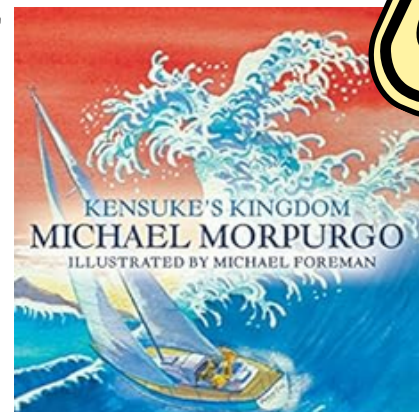


Classroom News

Summer 1 in Year 5...

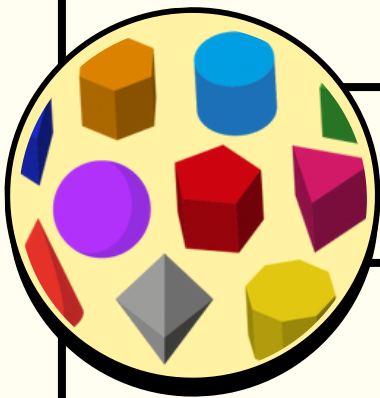
Welcome to the summer term! We have another action packed half term with lots of exciting new lessons and topics.

This half term Year 5 will be visiting the library every Wednesday afternoon. We will be leaving school around 2.30pm and returning before the end of the day. If you are able to help walk us there, please do let us know and we will be able to organise a rota for this - your help is much appreciated! If your child has a library card, they are welcome to bring it with them to choose some books each week.



Dr Picot will be teaching on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Griffiths will be teaching the class on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please contact us using the Dojo platform or school office if there is anything at all we can do to help.

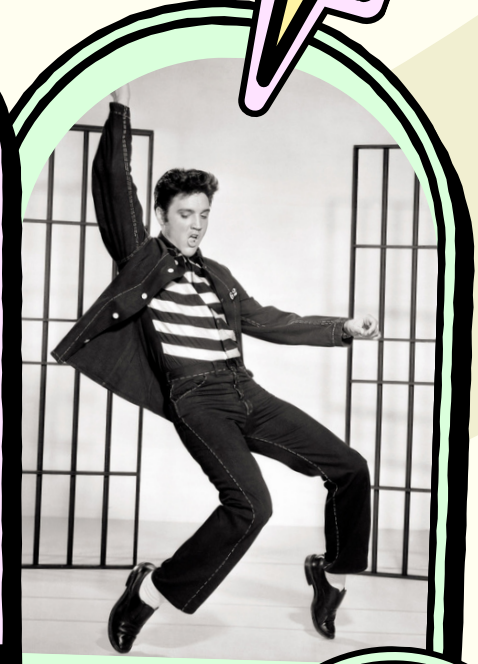
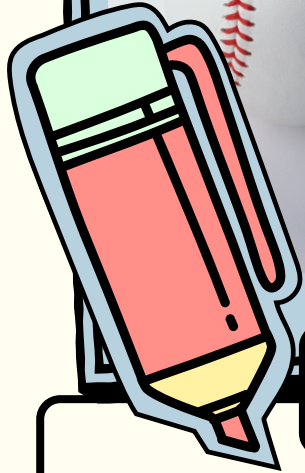


English & Maths

Our English work this half term will focus on the book *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. We will spend the first few weeks reading and understanding the text, writing character descriptions and different types of poems. Then towards the end of the half term, we will be writing a narrative, exploring the characters further and writing a new chapter.

Spellings will continue to be tested each week on a Friday. It is great to see so many of the children enjoying using Spelling Shed to practice their words - thank you for your support with this.

In Maths, the topics we will cover include shape, position and direction and decimals. At the beginning of the half term we will be learning how to use a protractor to measure angles accurately. Any extra help or practice with this at home will be really useful!



PE

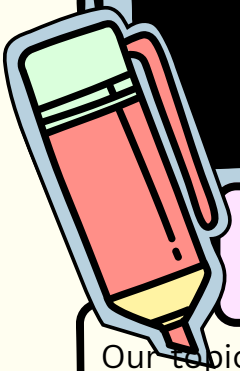
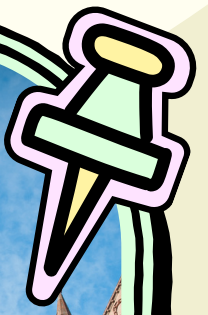
PE this half term will be taught by Mr Devivo and will be on a Monday and Thursday. The children may come to school on these days in their PE kit. A copy of the school uniform and PE kit is available on our website. Please support us by ensuring the children are wearing the correct PE kit including a school hoodie rather than branded logo tops. Thank you. The children will be developing their striking and fielding skills while playing rounders and will be exploring movement and balance during dance.

ART

The title of our art this half term is : Architecture - Dream big or Dream small. As part of this unit of work, the children will be exploring the work of architects and individual builder/designers. They will use their sketchbooks to draw, collect, process and reflect upon ideas.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, we will be looking at ' Being My Best'. The children will learn about the importance of food, water and oxygen, sleep and exercise for the human body and its health. They will identify their own strengths and talents and identify areas that need improvement and describe strategies for achieving those improvements. We will be thinking about people who are responsible for helping us stay healthy and safe and identifying ways that we can help these people.



RE

Our topic is 'Inspirational Leaders'. The children will learn that many leaders of the past and present have persevered in difficult times and have done incredible things to bring practical help and hope to others in need. Through exploring their stories and leadership skills, the children will think about how they can be a good leader and what this means. In particular, the children will explore the life and beliefs of Mohandas Gandhi, Mother Theresa and Mata Amritanandamayi Devi.



SCIENCE

Our Science this half term, focusses on Living things and their habitats. The children will be learning to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.

They will explore the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. The children will be taught to name and label a flowering plant and describe seed dispersal and pollination. Towards the end of the topic, the impact of work done by naturalists David Attenborough or Jane Goodall will be researched and explored.

Geography

In Geography this half term our topic is 'How is our country changing?' The children will be naming and locating counties and cities of the UK, identifying human and physical characteristics and geographical features of our local area. We will be using 8 points of a compass and learning to read and write 4 and 6 figure grid references. The children will focus on our village and will be exploring how Calverton is changing, including the new housing estates and current building work that is taking place.



Music

In this unit of music, Year 5 will perform a looped body percussion rhythm; keeping in time with their group. They will use loops to create a whole piece of music, ensuring that the different aspects of music work together. Following this, they will learn to play the first section of 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' with accuracy and choose a suitable fragment of music and be able to play it along to the backbeat. Finally they will perform a piece with some structure and two different loops.

Computing

In computing, the children will use Stop Motion to create an animation. In order to do this, they will need to know that decomposition of an idea is important when creating stop-motion animations. They will begin to understand that stop motion animation is an animation filmed one frame at a time using models, and with tiny changes between each photograph. Finally, they will learn that editing is an important feature of making and improving a stop motion animation.