

In **Maths** this half term, after finishing off our statistics unit, we will begin our shape unit focusing on classifying, estimating and measuring angles. This unit also involves calculating angles and lengths in shapes, then angles around a point and on a straight line. We will then move on to studying position and direction, which includes co-ordinates, symmetry and reflection.

In **History**, we will be learning about the different experiences of black people living in Britain over time. We will begin during the Roman Empire as black Roman soldiers began to settle in Britain, travel to the Tudor era, look at the rise of the slave trade & the key figures, who acted for the abolition of slavery. Finally, we will explore the impact of Empire Windrush and the experiences of black people living in Britain over the changing landscape of the last 60 years.

Our **D&T** unit this half term is textiles where the children will create a stuffed cushion using blanket stitch.

The **HeartSmart** theme for this half term is 'Fake Is A Mistake' as the children consider the importance of telling the truth to others and also being true to themselves. The children will also be learning about Anti-Social Behaviour this half term in PSHE.

Our **Computing** unit will involve making music using the program 'Scratch'. Children will 'tinker' with the software before composing a piece of music to accompany a scene from Pirates of the Caribbean.

Dates for the diary!

Thursday 18th April – Year 5 Concert at 2.30pm
Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday Monday
Week beginning 20th May - Well-Being Week
Friday 24th May – Sports Day



How did the Empire Windrush arrival change the way black people were treated in Britain?

We can't wait to learn more **French** this half term. The children will be learning how to say and write the names of different animals' habitats.

Keep an eye out! In the second half of the Summer term, we have a trip to Brighton Hill Secondary School and a trip to Ufton Court for a Greek Day. Keep an eye out for permission letters!

PE will continue to take place every Tuesday (indoor gym) and Wednesday (outside for most pupils). Please keep an eye on the weather and ensure PE kit is weather appropriate – rain or shine!

Some children have swimming instead on the following Wednesdays: 17th and 24th April & 1st and 23rd May.

In **English** this half term, Year 5 will be completing a newspaper article linked to the arrival of the ship HMT Empire Windrush, which docked in Tilbury on 22nd June 1948. The ship brought many workers to the UK from different Caribbean countries to help to fill post-war labour shortages – the Windrush generation. The children will then compose and perform a poem from the perspective of those aboard the ship. Throughout, children will continue to implement many skills and techniques from the 'Writing Rainbow'. Please remember SPAG homework is due in every Monday.

In **Science**, the children will be learning all about Living Things and their Habitats. We will start the unit by exploring and describing the life processes of reproduction in some plants. The children will have the opportunity to dissect a lily, look at the male and female parts of the flower and then use microscopes to look at these parts in more detail. The children will explore sexual and asexual reproduction in flowers, and use scientific diagrams to label the parts of a flower. Using drama, the children will act out the pollination process and then plan an enquiry into what affects how long pollinators spend at flowers. We will also be studying the life cycles of butterflies as we grow caterpillars in each classroom.

Music this half term will involve listening to Blues music and learning about the origins of this.