



Curriculum Information

Spring 1 Year 5



Our topic this half term is 'The English Civil War'.

Revolution and treason are in the air! This half term, Year 5 are taking a journey back in time to the war-torn days of the 1600s and the outbreak of civil war between the King and the Parliamentarians. We will learn about how the people came to fight against King Charles I, how our local area played a part in this conflict, and how it affected the United Kingdom.

As writers, we will be writing a newspaper report using our history knowledge and a story based on 'Wolf Brother'.

As readers, we will read Michelle Paver's 'Wolf Brother'. This exciting adventure story takes place in prehistoric Britain and charts a boy's journey to avenge his Father and become a hunter in a dangerous and unforgiving world.

In Maths, we will learn about area and perimeter, fractions and decimals and measuring and drawing angles.

In Science, we will be learning about materials and their different properties, states of matter and reversible and irreversible changes.

In Computing, we will be learning how to write simple code to program a simulation. We will also be learning about plagiarism and copyright rules, online communication methods and some of the dangers presented by the online world.

In Design and Technology, we will begin a project to design and construct an electronic load-pulling vehicle. We will also be cooking tomato and basil flatbreads whilst learning about where these ingredients come from and how we can source them sustainably.

In History, we will be learning about the causes and consequences of the English Civil War, why it was significant and how it affected Britain and our local area. We also will look at some of the main figures of the time such as King Charles I and Oliver Cromwell and discuss how historians view them nowadays.

In Languages, we will be learning about different cities in France and speaking, listening and writing about directions and asking for items.

In Music, we will be learning to play different chords and melodies using Glockenspiels, accompany pieces of music using percussion instruments and identify musical instruments by ear.

In PSHE, we will learn about mental wellbeing. We will learn what mental well-being means and how we can develop strategies and routines to support our own well-being at home and at school.

In PE, we will take part in gymnastics activities and develop our tennis skills.

In RE, we will learn about the Islamic holy book – the Qu'ran.