

Aycliffe Village Primary School - Year 5

What are we learning this term?

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas and that you are looking forward to the new year ahead.

Read on to find out about the interesting things that we will be learning about this term.

Our most exciting project will be creating an opera that will be performed at the Gala Theatre in Durham in February!!



English

- Texts include: wide range of poetry, fiction, non-fiction texts and reference books /text books
- Writing focusing on poetry writing, discursive writing, journalistic writing
- Links to Snappy Opera work
- Year 5/6 Spelling Rules

Mathematics

- Place value
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages

Computing

- Digital Literacy - checking reliability of information found on the internet
- Digital citizenship
- Coding with Scratch
- E-safety

Religious Education

- The Bible
- Easter - Lent

Science - with Mrs Vest

All KS2 children will be studying the topics Light and Sound and developing their skills of working scientifically. Outcomes and expectations will be differentiated for each year group to ensure challenge and appropriate curriculum coverage. We are also very lucky to have a visit from the STEM team planned for Spring Term to work with KS2 children on our 'Light' topic!

P.E.

- Dance
- Swimming (Wednesday afternoon)
- We are looking to introduce some new sports after school clubs. Is there anything that you would like to be available?

Music and DT

Working with Mahogany Opera - more information to follow.

French - with Madame Byrne

- Les Planetes

P.H.S.C.E.

- Team work and co-operation with each other
- Independent learning skills

This term we will also be continuing our KS2 'Around the World in 80 Days' topic. We had an exciting start with our visit to The Locomotion Museum on Monday 8th January.

Don't forget that 'Around The World Wednesdays' will also give the children a great opportunity to sample food from other cultures.

Topic Work

- Around the World in 80 Days. Although we looking at the same topic throughout Key Stage 2 the learning objectives and tasks will be differentiated based on children's year groups. This is an evolving topic as we will explore the children's thoughts and interests throughout the story.
- History - How have things changed? We will be investigating how Phileas Fogg's journey may have been different in more modern times. We will also be investigating and learning about historical events that are included in the story. For example, we will be exploring the history of steam trains based on the story and our local heritage. We will then look at Space Age travel with Tim Peake.
- Geography: Phileas Fogg travels around the world and we will too! Travelling across the continents and learning about the world.
- Locational and place knowledge - discovering the main geographical features of India, China and America.

Your support with your child's learning can make a big difference to the progress they make.

Please remember to:

- Listen to your child read at least 4 times per week and ask them questions about their reading to check their understanding of the story. **Every signature in their reading record counts towards our whole school reading challenge!**
- Help your child with their Maths Challenge - tables, division facts, square numbers etc.
- Every class will now have their homework given out on a Friday to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Please support your child to remember to hand it in each week.
- Have a clean PE kit in school at all times.
- Ensure your child has an appropriate swimming kit - a swimming cap is required for all pupils. Swimming shorts are not suitable for swimming lessons.