

<p><b>ENGLISH</b> Our class novel this half term will be Wonder by RJ Palacio. We will study the autobiographical style of the book, discuss the significant themes presented and present justified opinions. We will write our own missing chapter from the book and a school newspaper article related to events in the story. We will also identify the features of persuasive writing, thinking about target audience and the use of language to be convincing, leading to a persuasive article for a family to visit a chosen location in North America.</p>	<p><b>MATHS</b> We will compare and order fractions, add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers and multiply simple proper fractions - writing the answer in the simplest form. We will also look at fractions as decimals. We shall calculate time intervals using the 24-hour clock and add lengths of time, look at properties of 3D shapes, interpret and construct pie charts and line graphs and use these to solve problems. Finally, we will calculate and interpret the mean as an average.</p>	<p><b>SCIENCE</b> We will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats'. We will recap the classification of living things and extend our understanding further. We will take a closer look at micro-organisms and discuss whether or not viruses are living. We will find out that some viruses cause diseases, but that they can be very useful too. We will look in detail at a flowering plant and describe features and create classification keys to identify a selection of animals. We will then create and trial keys.</p>	<p><b>TOPIC</b> We will take a voyage across the Atlantic and discover the continent of North America and all its amazing countries, cities and landscapes. We will identify the 23 countries of North America, from the vast lands of the USA and Canada down through Central America and on to the Caribbean islands. On the way we will explore the various geographical features of different areas of North America and compare them with our own locality.</p>	<p><b>RE</b> We will explore the season of Epiphany which begins on 6th January. We will hear the story from Matthew's gospel about the visit of the wise men and other stories on the same theme e.g. Baboushka. We will consider the custom of giving and receiving presents and cards at Christmas and how this custom has become so important. We will discuss the commercialisation of Christmas and explore wishes on cards.</p>	<p><b>PSHCE</b> We will deepen our understanding of good and not so good feelings, look at how our actions affect ourselves and others and explore strategies to resolve disputes and conflict through negotiation and compromise. We will learn to listen and respond respectfully to a wide range of people, feel confident to raise our own concerns and try to respect and constructively challenge points of view.</p>
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**Class 5  
The Fearless Five  
Autumn 2 2017**



Our topic work this half term will be centred on the topic of **Wish You Were Here - North America**

**PE** - This half term we will continue to benefit from having trained instructors on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Year 5 will go swimming on Tuesday mornings.

**ICT** - We will create and edit our own mini-films.

**Art & Design** - We will draw the other half of a famous image, make collage landscapes, create body abstracts, make 'building block' houses, draw patterned skulls and be an artist's model. We will explore the work of American artists such as John Singer Sargent, Helen Frankenthaler, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Mary Cassatt, architect Frank Lloyd Wright and photographer Ansel Adams.

**Music** - We will develop our ability to compose a song, being aware of the relationship between lyrics and melody.

**French** - We will be continuing our development of the French language continuing with our scheme of work.

**Important Reminders:**

**Spellings** will be issued on **Tuesdays**, to be tested the following Tuesday.

**Homework** will be issued on a **Friday** to be returned the following **Friday**.

**Reading logs** checked regularly. Please aim to read **4x** a week (recorded in Reading Logs)

**PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays, swimming kits for Year 5 on Tuesdays.**

