



Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 5 | Spring Term 2 | 2023



Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support this half term! We have really enjoyed learning about the Groovy Greeks and Forces in Science. We especially loved our “Portals to the Past” Greek Day workshop as well as our amazing trip to the British Museum. We hope you enjoy the half term break and we look forward to another fun-filled and learning-packed term!

This half term, our topic is ‘Urban Rulez’ and we will be focussing our learning around the key question: How does Pinner Wood fit into the local town and the country as a whole?

Our ‘Stunning Start’ to launch our topic will be:

A virtual tour of Pinner using Google Maps

We will enhance children’s learning and ‘Cultural Capital’ with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

- Virtual tour
- Map work
- Orienteering

Our ‘Showstopper’ piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

The children will make making chatterboxes to present all the information they have learnt throughout the topic

Our ‘Shared Outcome’ to communicate our learning with others will be presented in a ‘Dragon’s Den’ style pitch.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key texts: Street Child by Berlie Doherty

Key skills:

- Diary entry
- Meeting story
- Descriptive language
- Emotive language
- Cohesive devices
- Linking paragraphs
- Apostrophes

Maths:

Key topics: Fractions, decimals and percentages

- Adding
- Subtracting
- Multiplying
- Finding a fraction of an amount
- Problem solving
- Decimals as fractions
- Ordering and comparing decimals
- Rounding decimals
- Percentages as fractions and decimals

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

<https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/>

<https://www.pinnerlhs.org.uk/about-pinner>

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/science/life-cycles---animals/>

<https://stormedapps.co.uk/lifestages/lifestages.html>

<https://blog.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk/explore-the-national-science-and-media-museum-at-home/>

Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Lifecycles and Habitat. The key question we will be answering is 'Life Cycle: What is the Circle of Life?' Please see the knowledge organiser to give you an overview of the topic and vocabulary.

Computing: Coding using a website called code.org.

RE:

Children will be looking at the religion Sikhism. We be holding an RE day where children will investigate 'How did the teachings of Guru Nanak influence the teachings of Guru Gobind Singh?'

Music: We will be looking into, listening to and performing 'Old School Hip-Hop' music

PSHE: We will be beginning the topic 'healthy me'.

Spanish: taught by the Spanish teacher.

DT: Making granola bars. Key Question: How can we produce and market an innovative product?

Geography: Our Geography Topic this half term is 'Urban Rulez' – How does Pinner Wood fit into the local town and the country as a whole? Please see the knowledge organiser.

PE: We will be learning how to play cricket and doing gymnastics with the theme of "The Circus"

Reminders:

World Book day— Friday 3rd March

