



# Curriculum letter

## Year 5

Although we still find ourselves in the centre of uncertain times, we have entered our last and final term of the academic year, and the topics for the children are as follows:

**Summer term 1 - World War One**

**Summer term 2 - South America**

During English and Maths this year, we will continue to reinforce all skills in greater depth and apply these skills in a variety of investigations.

### Maths

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Properties of Shape
- Position and Direction
- Converting Units
- Volume

### English

- Narrative - Adventure stories
- Non-Fiction - Information texts
- Non-chronological Reports
- Script Writing
- Newspaper Reports

(Alongside weekly comprehension, handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar tasks).

### Science

#### **Animals including Humans**

The topic includes focusing on: The Human Timeline, Growth of Babies, Changes in Old Age and Gestation Periods. The children will also be learning about Puberty and the changes in which the body goes through within Summer 2 on the **Life Bus (Subject to return to school)**.

#### **Famous Scientists and Inventors**

In Summer 2, the children will be learning about Famous Scientists and Inventors. They will be studying: David Attenborough, Eva Crane, Leonardo da Vinci, and Margaret Hamilton.

Investigation skills- we will also look at the process of carrying out a scientific investigation, including prediction, methods, recording results and drawing conclusions.

### **Geography**

In Summer 2, the children will be learning about South America. They will be studying the different countries, cultures and festivals within the continent and focus on comparing it to North America.

### **History**

In history, the children will be learning about World War 1. They will be investigating the elements that led to the start of World War 1, what life was like on the Western Front, exploring the advancements of Warfare, the involvement of animals in the war, what life was like for people in Britain during WW1 and what happened at the end of the war.

They will be completing many activities across the course of the topic to fully consolidate their knowledge and understanding of World War One.

### **Art/D.T**

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The children will be drawing and painting their own Propaganda posters. The children will get the opportunity to look at different the powerful Propaganda posters taken from World War 1 and then create their own.

#### **Design and Technology**

We will be designing and creating our own instruments and headdresses focusing on our topic of South America. The children will also be sampling some typical South American food to gain a rich understanding into the vibrant and colourful culture.

### **Computing**

This term the children will be learning how to create their own 'Fact File' on Microsoft Office based on World War One. They will take notes about the topic across a series of lessons and then use these to compile their information into either a PowerPoint Presentation or a Word document.

In Summer 2, the children will be using the internet respectfully and responsibly to gain research about their new topic of South America.

### **Music**

We will be following our Charanga music scheme, where we will learn to play the recorder and investigate different genres of music.

**RE**

In Summer 1, the children will be learning about Karma and Moral Values. We will then move onto ending the year by focusing on Christianity.

**Homework**

As always, it is incredibly important that children read **every** day. Reading books can now be changed every day when finished and books are chosen independently by the children. To aid children's comprehension, it is important adults listen and ask questions about the books. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story.

If you have any queries about our curriculum, school routines or your child's wellbeing please email the school office.

***Thank you for your ongoing support,***

**Mr Darbon (Dachshund Class Teacher)**

**Miss Ghedia (Giraffe Class Teacher)**