

Year 5 Newsletter Lent Term 2020

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English

In Literacy this half term, we will be reading and interpreting classic poetry. The children will look at some of the works of Lewis Carroll, which will lead them on to reciting poetry as well as discussing their own opinions about the poetry they have studied. We will then use all of the children's new knowledge about classic poetry to create our own Cautionary Tales.

We will be reading and comparing biographies and autobiographies. We will look at a selection of these from *Boy* and *Going Solo* by Roald Dahl and *Singing for Mrs Pettigrew* and *Homecoming*, both written by Michael Morpurgo .

Maths

In Numeracy this half term, we will be learning to compare and order fractions, whose denominators are all multiples of the same number and identify, name and write equivalent fractions of a given fraction. Children will read and write decimal numbers as fractions, for example, $0.71 = \frac{71}{100}$. We will be learning to recognise and use the per cent symbol (%) as well as solve problems involving fractions decimals and percentages.

Children will convert and solve problems with kilometre and metre, centimetre and metre, centimetre and millimetre, gram and kilograms and litre and millilitre.

Later in the term they will explore angles by drawing and measuring with a protractor.

[http://resources.woodlands-](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm)

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Topic

During this half term, the unit is focused on Geography, Children will identify the seven continents and the countries of the world. They will learn about longitude, latitude and the different time zones.

Later on in the term, the children will begin to find out about a region in South America. They will find out about trade links, climate and vegetation belts in El Salvador. Children will compare Luton to a village in El Salvador.

Science

In our Properties & Changes of Materials unit, we will learn about how some materials dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. We will use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. From carrying out experiments, children will learn that dissolving, mixing and changes of state can be identified as reversible or irreversible changes.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be discussing the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Children will explore, then explain the emotional and physical changes during puberty. With confidence, they will be able to ask questions about puberty. They will learn about the importance of physical hygiene and explore ways to get support during this time.

We will continue with the School Linking Network project with Wenlock Primary school. We will continue to develop a positive, cohesive ethos when meeting each other, by helping children to explore identity and celebrate diversity.

Children will visit Kidzania in London, where they are encouraged to independently explore a range of exciting real-life activities, whilst also inspiring the development of important skills such as: critical thinking, entrepreneurship, problem solving, team working and budgeting money.

Maths homework - <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>
<https://trockstars.com/>

School Site - www.stmartindeporryresluton.co.uk