

Welcome to Spring 1 in Year 5

Here is a brief summary of what will we be learning this term

This term, Year 5 will be focusing on *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare in writing. By the end of the unit, the children will have a good understanding of the play and will have written multiple pieces of work influenced by the characters involved.

In spelling, we are continuing to focus on Year 5 key words and using the Sounds Write lessons to develop our spelling strategies.

In handwriting, we will continue to practice joining our letters and applying these skills in our everyday writing.

In reading, we are also learning about William Shakespeare. We will be discussing and exploring Shakespeare's life, focusing heavily on developing comprehension skills.

Our Big Investigative Question is:

Why is Shakespeare's work still relevant today?

As mathematicians, we will build on our previous learning of multiplication and division by understanding a range of mathematical vocabulary: such as prime and square numbers. Additionally, we will learn about fractions finding equivalents, adding two or more together, and comparing them.

In computing, we are learning about Flat-file databases and how they can be used to organize data in records. The children will also be creating graphs and charts from their data to help solve problems.

As musicians, we will be focusing on the topic 'Tudors' looking into musical pieces composed during this time. The children will also be learning some musical language.

In Art, we will be focusing on Painting. The children will be developing their watercolour skills and a deeper understanding of the effects of painting using a monotone palette. The children will also have the opportunity to work with a felt artist to create pieces inspired by the play *Romeo and Juliet*.

As scientists, we will be learning all about Properties and Changes of Materials. We will be investigating the properties of everyday materials, the concept of reversible and irreversible changes in states of matter and the different rates at which substances dissolve.

In PSHCE, we will be focusing on Dreams and Goals. The children will be learning about the importance of perseverance, staying motivated, team work and having a positive attitude to help achieve their dreams.

In PE, we are following a new scheme of work from Real PE. We will be focusing on developing our Cognitive Skills and challenging ourselves by analyzing our performances.

In Modern Foreign Languages, our topic is called 'Myself'. During this term, the children will be learning new vocabulary to describe emotions and hold simple conversations.

Our PE days are: Monday and Tuesday

Our class book:

