

Climb Every Mountain



Year 5: Spring Term 2



St. Paul's
C.E. Primary School
Together on life's great adventure

Class Haworth

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful break and are excited about the half term ahead.

This half term, our learning will focus around 'What is life like in the Alps?' We will be learning about how mountains are formed, the area the Alps covers and why people visit the Alps. Our Design and Technology topic will focus on creating a delicious Italian pasta dish, thinking carefully about how we can adapt a recipe. In our French lessons, we will be learning how to order food in a restaurant and use adjectives to describe some of the foods we eat.

Our focused text this half term was chosen by some of the children - after taking part in an online workshop with author, Phil Earle. We will be reading 'The Dog that Saved the World (cup)' and using this as a stimulus for our own creative writing.

As always, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us through ClassDojo or the school office.

Year 5 Staff:

Mrs Carroll, Mrs Barraclough and Mrs Kilmartin

Our distinctive Church school ethos

Children will take part in daily collective worship. We will spend time together as a school, in a class and as part of our 'Value Families.'

Every other Tuesday we walk to St Paul's Church for a service led by Reverend Thierry Guillemin.

Throughout the day we will pause for reflection to consider our values through prayer.

Dates to remember:

19.2.24 Back to school

19.2.24 Young Voices

26.2.24 Assessment Week

7.3.24 World Book Day

18.3.24 Rainbow Day

22.3.24 School closes for Easter

Learning at home: Children will also be given a list of spellings on a Friday, which can be accessed through Spelling Shed and they will be tested on the correct spellings the following Friday. Reading books need to be brought into school daily. When a child reads at home 5 times per week, they receive a raffle ticket. The tickets are then entered into the draw for the children to have the opportunity to take home our 'Snuggle up and read' bags.

P.E: Children will need to come into school in their P.E kit on **Mondays and Tuesdays**.

Personal Development

PSHE: Our PSHE lessons will focus on staying safe online, the precautions to take and to knowing some strategies that can be used to overcome pressure from others. The children will also learn some basic first aid and how to help someone who is bleeding.

My Happy Mind: The children will be learning the importance of gratitude. We will link this unit back to the science of the brain covered in the 'Meet Your Brain' module. Pupils will learn about noticing kindness in others and focus on building self-esteem.



P.E: Our specialist PE coach will continue to teach our PE sessions in Year 5 focusing on orienteering and hockey. The children will develop their passing, striking and tackling skills in hockey sessions. In orienteering, they will develop their understanding of map reading, following instructions and how to work effectively as a team.

Our World

Religious Education: This half term, we will be exploring the question 'What did Jesus do to save human beings?' The children will learn about the story of The Last Supper and how Christians might feel about Judas' betrayal. We will also explore why Jesus' sacrifice is important to Christians today.



Geography: This half term, we will learn what life is like in the Alps. The children will be able to locate the Alps on a world map and identify and label the eight countries they are in. They will then be able to describe both the physical and human characteristics of the Alps. Fieldwork skills will be developed throughout the unit as the children will explore the local area, making comparisons between Bradford and Innsbruck.

STEM

Science: Through our 'Living Things and Their Habitats' unit, we will learn about the process of reproduction and the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will explore reproduction in different plants, including different methods of pollination and asexual reproduction. We will also learn about different types of mammals and their life cycles, making life cycle wheels to present our learning.

Maths: Our maths lessons will focus on learning how to compare fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will develop an understanding of how to compare and order decimals up to 3 decimal places and how to round decimals to the nearest whole number.

Design Technology: The children will be learning where food comes from and the process it takes to get from 'farm to fork'. They will then learn to modify a recipe for pasta sauce, ensuring they understand the nutritional value of the ingredients they select.

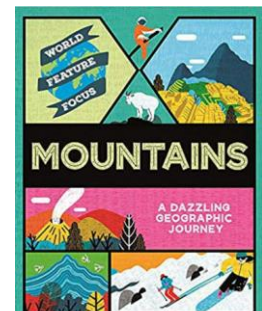


Computing: In our computing sessions, the children will be learning about databases. They will develop an understanding of how to input into a database and why they are useful, before working in groups to create their own.

Language and Communication

Speaking and listening: During our learning, speaking will be encouraged through role play, debates and sharing news with the class.

Reading: Our focused class text will be 'The Dog that Saved the World (cup)' by Phil Earle. In addition, during our reading sessions, the children will explore a wide range of text types and develop their reading skills including; making predictions, retrieving information from the text and explaining vocabulary choices made by the author.



Writing: Our focused text types for this half term are short narrative and diary writing using our class text as the stimulus. The children will be writing their own stories inspired by 'The Dog that Saved the World (cup)', ensuring they include the use of dialogue, parenthesis and relative clauses. The children will also continue to develop and build upon all the skills they have already been taught.

Spelling: During spelling lessons, the children will be focusing on homophones and near homophones. In addition, we will continue to learn the Year 5/6 common exception words.

French: This half term, the children

will learn key vocabulary related to ordering and describing food and drink.



The Arts

Music: Our music unit focuses on the question 'How does music teach us about our community?' The children will listen to and appraise a range of music including 'Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope' by John Williams and 'Heroes' by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. Inspired by the pieces the children listen to, the children will then compose and perform their own pieces using glockenspiels.

