Lydgate Junior School

Curriculum Overview
Year 5 Autumn term 2

The theme for this half term is...

Ancient Egypt / Scandinavia

English

The focus this half term will be on building atmosphere in writing. The children will learn how authors create different moods and feelings for the reader through their choice of vocabulary, sentence structure and descriptive techniques. We will start by reading the classic poem The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. They will practise reading and performing the poem aloud, then we will focus on the decisions made by the characters, and we will hold a class debate to answer some questions using evidence from the text. Following this, we will move on to narrative writing, and the children will read and write some spooky stories. We will read Clockwork by Philip Pullman which we will use for inspiration. You can help at home by encouraging your child to read widely and as often as possible, and by checking their weekly homework with them.



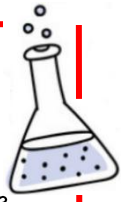
Maths

We will start with multiplication and division. The children will continue working on factors, multiples, and square and cube numbers. We will then move on to working on fractions for the rest of the half term. The children will look at equivalent fractions, converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa, comparing and ordering fractions, and then adding and subtracting. You can help at home by helping your child to continue practising quick recall of times tables, and by checking their weekly homework with them.



Science

This term, our science sessions will focus on changes of state. The children will explore reversible and irreversible changes to materials. They will experiment with reversible changes by separating materials through sieving, filtering and evaporation. They will then look at the irreversible changes of burning and effervescence and explain why these cannot be reversed.



History & Geography

We will continue our topic on Ancient Egypt for a few more weeks. The children will compare the Egyptian civilisation to other ancient civilisations at the time. We will then start our geography topic about Scandinavia. The children will start with locating the Scandinavian countries on a map, then look at the climate in those countries compared to the UK. This topic will continue next term.



Religious Education

In RE, the children will be learning about Christianity, focussing on forgiveness. They will discuss the concept of forgiveness, then look at how Jesus showed forgiveness through the story of Zacchaeus. They will then read the story of The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde to explore forgiveness and salvation.

RRS

This half term will be holding our school election to decide who the class representatives will be for the School RRS Council this year. Children who want to be considered for election will make a short speech to the class before the voting on 5-11-26.
We will also be finishing our class charters.
Some of the articles we will focus on this term include:
Article 12 – have views considered seriously,
Article 13 – express thoughts and opinions,
Article 29 – education should help develop talents and abilities

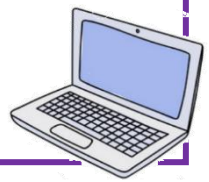
Design Technology

The focus for this half term is food technology. The children will learn about bread around the World and how different flavours and ingredients can be added. They will taste a variety of breads before deciding which ingredients they would like to use to make their own bread.



Other Subjects

Computing – Surveys: creating a questionnaire for their class to complete then collating the data
PE – Dance (Dance by Chance) & dance for performance, football skills
Music – Songs for performance
PSHE – Friendship & Families
Spanish – Giving directions



Enrichment Activities

5-11-26 RRS Council election day
17-11-26 Dance workshops
16-12-26 Y5 Musical performance to parents (more details to follow)