

# **Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery**

# **Curriculum Matters**



**Term**            **Autumn 1**  
**Year Group**    **5**  
**Teacher**       **Mrs R MacLeod**

Please note that not all subject areas will necessarily be taught each term and we cannot write down everything we teach!

## Topic

### The Deep Dark Woods

This term we will be exploring British and other legends – dragons, knights, battles, kings and outlaws!

We will look at places in the UK through geography lessons and stories, explore Sherwood Forest on our trip and consider how to care for the countryside.

In history lessons, we will study Anglo Saxon culture and consider the historical basis for legendary figures such as King Arthur, Robin Hood and St George.

## Literacy

We will read, retell, and write legends with an emphasis on story structure and the creative use of language. Descriptive language will also be a focus as we write vivid descriptions of woodland landscapes.

In spelling, we will be focusing on the word endings *able* (enjoyable), *ible* (responsible) and *ough* (through). We will learn rules for silent letters (listen) and homophones (allowed/aloud). Our grammar focus is the use of different methods to link ideas within paragraphs and across texts. We will also be classifying pronouns.

## **Numeracy**

We will be following the National Curriculum for Year 5.

The topics for this term are:

- Place value in numbers of up to 6 digits
- Formal written methods and informal mental methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Rounding and estimating
- Counting in powers of 10
- Roman numerals

## **Art and Music**

In Art we will create our own dragon paintings, use collage to depict famous legendary characters and sketch local trees. With natural colours as our focus, we will observe different shades in nature and create our own colour cards by mixing paint.

Music lessons will be very exciting as we will be learning the flute together. This course will continue throughout the whole year and is delivered in partnership with an external teacher. Children will learn to read simple music and play in an ensemble. Every child will be provided with a flute to use in lessons and to practise with at home.

## **Science**

In science we will cover the topic of Forces. We will investigate gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance. We will use Newton meters and study the life and discoveries of Isaac Newton.

Later in the term, we will make and use levers, pulleys and gears to help us understand how balanced and unbalanced forces can be used.

## **PSHCE**

During PSHCE sessions, we will be considering how to improve self-esteem, support others and cope with difficult social situations.

# Helping at Home

## Reading

Please work with your child to establish a regular reading habit at home: this is the single most effective way to support your child's learning. Less confident readers still need to regularly read aloud to an adult. More able readers should be encouraged to talk about what they are reading.

Our class book is *Outlaw: The true story of Robin Hood* by Michael Morpurgo. I will be reading this to the children and we will be studying parts in detail: if you can beg, borrow or buy a copy for your child's personal use, this would be fantastic! Michael Morpurgo is our focus author and other books written by him are widely available in libraries and at school – my favourite for able readers is *King of the Cloud Forests*. He has also written an excellent version of *Beowulf* and we will be looking at this Anglo-Saxon story in history lessons.

## Maths

All children should be able to recall both times tables and division tables up to 12 x 12 at speed and out of order. We will have a weekly speed test each Tuesday.

We will be looking at big numbers during this term – you could look together for examples of these and discuss them so that children have a better understanding of what thousands and millions mean in real life.

Web based maths games can be found at:

[www.crickweb.co.uk](http://www.crickweb.co.uk) & [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)