

Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Matters



Term **Summer 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

VOYAGE INTO ADVENTURE

This term we will be exploring the truth behind legendary pirates and buccaneers and following their adventures and expeditions across the high seas.

In topic lessons, we will be beginning to delve into the mysterious world of the Mayans and studying their ancient traditions and beliefs. We will look at their influence on South American culture and consider their place in world history.

Literacy

Treasure Island is our focus book and we will be exploring different versions of this classic story. We will write letters, stories and descriptions from the viewpoint of different characters.

In spelling lessons, we will be working on a wide range of suffixes and prefixes and identifying root words.

To support our writing, we will be studying sentence formation, especially identifying main clauses, subordinate clauses and phrases.

Numeracy

Maths topics for this term are:

- Measuring, estimating, comparing and calculating angles.
- Regular and irregular shapes 2D shapes
- Identifying and making nets for 3D shapes
- Problems solving about shapes

PSHE

Our focus is Difference and Diversity. We will be considering the issues associated with race, gender and disability stereotyping and discussing how to challenge prejudice.

Computing

We will be analysing and evaluating web-based information including considering its source and reliability. The children will learn how web pages are set up and managed through practical activities.

Science

Our science topic is Life Cycles. We will learn about the life cycles of plants, insects, amphibians, birds and mammals. We will study tadpoles in the classroom and investigate flowers and seeds.

This science topic focuses on the reproduction and growth of different species. Later in the term we will discuss and find out about human reproduction and growth: you may wish to discuss this at home first.

PE and GAMES

The children will be learning rounders and tennis skills. As we are more likely to use the field and playground for PE lessons, please make sure that appropriate outdoor PE kit including trainers is always in school.

Helping at Home

Spelling

Please help your child to learn the spellings that are sent home each week – this supports work done in school. As you may know, spelling has a high priority in literacy learning throughout the primary and secondary curriculums. I will be challenging your children to learn as many of the Y5/6 key words as possible – why not stick the list on your fridge?!

Reading

Our literacy lessons will focus on adventure stories. It is lovely to hear about the extra reading children are doing at home so here are some recommendations for this term. As well as *Treasure Island* (I will be using the original and abridged versions in school), children may enjoy the Lauren St John mystery novels (I like *Dead Man's Cove*) and the Cressida Cowell books – *How to Be a Pirate* is particularly appropriate! Also, the Bear Grylls *Mission Survival* books are fantastic for encouraging more reluctant readers!

Maths

It is crucial that children are able to use a protractor and compasses accurately and with ease for this term's work. I will be teaching these skills early in the term but any practice that can be done at home would be great. Children might benefit from bringing a protractor and pair of compasses in their pencil case – although school can provide these if children do not have their own.