

Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Matters



Term **Summer 2**
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

Vamos!

This term we will be studying Brazil. Our topic will include:

- Location, climate and tourist destinations
- Rainforest features and landscape
- Environmental concerns including deforestation

We will consider traditional Brazilian customs and cultures, farming and exports and use maps to support our understanding.

Literacy

We will read, and write persuasive posters, letters and articles. We will take part in debates to develop oral skills.

We will read and write descriptive poetry and study short stories with a message.

We will be reviewing grammar and spelling taught this year to ensure children have a secure understanding of this.

Numeracy

Maths topics for this term include:

- Position and direction including co-ordinates in four quadrants
- Perimeter and area of shape
- Measuring volume
- Converting decimal and imperial measurements including the use of line graphs.

Design Technology and Art

In DT we will try a variety of healthy dips and salads, follow instructions to make salsa and evaluate our results. We will then decide on what changes to make in order to improve our recipe. As this topic includes tasting food, please let school know of any food allergies.

In Art we will be studying the work of Rousseau.

Science

Our science topic is Growth and Change. Following on from last term's work, we will look in more detail at the process of human reproduction. We will learn about the development of humans from conception to birth. Looking at childhood changes, we will study the developmental milestones in the first years of life. We will consider the emotional and physical changes that happen during puberty. This will include whole class (boys and girls) work on menstruation

PE and GAMES

Please note that this term, PE may take place on any day due to a more flexible timetable! Please make sure children have their kits in school at all times. We will be developing athletics skills and playing rounders.

Helping at Home

Reading

It is fantastic to see children bringing their own copies of recommended books to school and reading these with enjoyment. Thank-you for your support.

This term, our author focus is *Eva Ibbotson* – one of my favourite children’s writers! We will look at *Journey to the River Sea* in class – if children would like to read this independently it is a fantastic book for more able readers and a super audio CD is available for less able readers. Children who like a challenge might also enjoy *The Abominables* and *One Dog and His Boy* while easier reads include *Which Witch* and *The Ogre of Oglefort*.

To support our non-fiction work, why not discuss printed adverts, brochures and even election leaflets (no shortage of these this term!). You might be surprised at your child’s ability to spot the persuasive features!

Maths

Problem-solving at home really supports work at school. This might include discussion of prices (e.g. how to calculate the best offer in a supermarket or restaurant), time problems (e.g. how long to travel to a location, average speeds and imperial/metric conversions) and measuring problems (e.g. how to convert a recipe for differing numbers of people). Fun maths websites that your children might enjoy include Murderous Maths for more able children and Maths Mysteries for those who need more support – just google these to find the sites easily.