



Unit of Inquiry

How we express ourselves



Inquiry into the ways in which we **discover** and **express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values**; the way in which we **reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity**; our **appreciation of the aesthetic**

Central idea

Man-made structures have played an important part in human history

Lines of enquiry

Properties of building materials
The structural elements of building design
The aesthetic features of different buildings

Key concepts explored in this unit

Function
Form
Causation

English

This half term we will be beginning by writing recounts of the daring wire walk that Philippe Petit performed between the Twin Towers in New York.

We will then move on to studying 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. This early twentieth century narrative poem makes for great language exploration.

Religious Education

Our RE unit for this half term is Peace at Christmas. In this we will be looking at peace from different perspectives and what the concept means to the Christian faith.

Our Big Question is:

Mathematics

This half term we will be beginning our year 5 study of fractions and decimals. This begins with equivalent fractions and moves on to comparing fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions, and the addition, subtraction and multiplication of fractions.

We will then move on to our measurement unit, within which we will be focussing on the concepts of perimeter, area and volume.

Physical Education

This half term pupils will continue to be working on team sports with Coach Jack.

Homework

Our homework will continue as it did last half term. The children will have a grammar and punctuation book and a maths book. Work will be set from one of these on an alternating weekly basis. If your child is ever finding the homework too challenging, please do let me know and we can look at alternative options. Homework is supposed to be supportive, not over-burdensome.

Children will also have weekly spellings to practise and we would like them to continue to read five times/week and record this in their planners.

This half term's KIRF is:

Our KIRF for this half term is metric conversions and we will be studying these little and often across the six weeks.

Practice these as often as possible this half term — these facts will really help in your future maths lessons.