

RE: Judaism

Our RE topic will look into why Moses is important to the Jewish religion and will allow the children to investigate how Jewish families follow their faith. We will learn what Shabbat is and why the Torah is opened and read with a special tool.



Year 5 curriculum overview



Long Lived the King...

a topic based on the life of the English author, Dick King-Smith.

Dick King-Smith (DKS) was a prolific children's writer who led a very varied life in many different occupations. We will research his life story, create a timeline of events and use these as inspiration for learning a wide variety of skills. We will study what life was like for a soldier in WW2, (he was a Grenadier Guard, fighting in Italy), and we will locate the different places that he went, learning about mapping symbols and what contour lines represent. Due to the long time DKS spent as a farmer, we will read the story 'The Sheep Pig' and compare this narrative with the film-version, 'Babe'. Alongside this, we will sort pictures of old and modern farming methods, investigate the features of farming in the UK and discuss how different types of farming provide sources of food. In art we will work collaboratively to develop our colour mixing skills and paint our own version of Simon Parr's 'Slice of Farming Life' picture. Looking in detail at some of the characters in the story 'The Sheep Pig', we will develop our drawing skills, and carefully observe shape and tone to accurately sketch one of the animals. In DT we will learn about DKS's family and their background in the paper-mill industry. In groups we will learn paper-making techniques and make our own recycled paper. In preparation for our DT activities, it would be really helpful if your child could bring in an old tea-towel and a sponge!

Literacy

Our first unit is on poetry, during which we will learn to compare and emulate poetic styles used by Pie Corbett and Valerie Bloom. The rest of the Autumn term will focus on the stories by Dick King-Smith and how we can use these texts to explore a wide range of literacy skills, including extending our sentence composition and improving our use of paragraphs. Each week, the class will continue to practice handwriting and spelling and the focus for spelling this term is spelling suffixes for the 'shun' sound, e.g. 'tion', 'sion', 'cian'.

Reading

We will read a variety of class books in school but it is vital that each child reads every night at home and ideally including some DKS stories.

Numeracy

Our Numeracy lessons will be taught in mixed Yr5/6 groups and will start off with practising calculating and counting methods. We will learn more about decimals and become more secure at ordering numbers and rounding numbers to 2-decimal places, extending our understanding of written methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers with decimals.

Our WOW trip

At the end of September we will visit Down Ampney Farm and learn about the processes involved in wheat farming. We will get the chance to question and talk to the farmer and use his wheat to make our own fresh pasta... from scratch!

Science

For the first part of the Autumn term we are learning about keeping our heart healthy and how our heart and circulation work together. PE will link in closely when we learn how to take our pulse and understand why exercise is vital to keep us and our heart healthy.

After half term we will learn about the water cycle and investigate the processes of evaporation.

PE

Our PE lessons will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, and will focus on invasion game skills and cross country.

PSHCE: New Beginnings

At the start of term we will set goals for Year 5 and understand how to use strategies for dealing with unknown and new situations. We will learn how parliament creates laws to keep people's rights safe and we will compare these rights with our rights and responsibilities in school. We will also learn more about Road Safety, Internet Safety and the effect of drugs and alcohol on the body.

