Year 5, Oak and Sycamore
Curriculum Newsletter
Term 2
2026

Learning Journey – History, Science & D.T.

This term, we will be answering the question, **'Was the Mayflower Pilgrim's journey to the new world worth it?'** This learning journey will incorporate the children's history, science and design & technology learning. In history, the children will be learning about the dangerous journey undertaken to America. This will include timelines, exploring both primary and secondary sources as well as an exciting local trip around Gainsborough to fully understand the lasting legacy of this trip. Their science topic is a continuation of 'properties of materials' but now we will discuss soluble or insoluble/ reversible or irreversible changes- linking back to what to take on the journey. Their D.T. will focus on creating a Mayflower model using their woodwork skills (sawing, drilling etc.) so that the cams will allow the final product to recreate the movement of the ship crossing the ocean.

Computing

Creating media- Video production

In this unit, the children will be given the opportunity to create short videos within groups. As we progress through the unit, we will be exposed to topic-based language and develop skills of capturing, editing and manipulating video. With step-by-step support to take our idea from conception to completion and have the chance to reflect on and assess our progress.

RE

Is the Christmas story true?

We will learn about the different accounts of the Christmas story within the Bible. This will lead to discussion about the importance of the date and incarnation. We will also explore the link to our own personal commitments of what we believe within the Christian celebration.

PE

PE will take place on Thursday for Oak and Tuesday for Sycamore.

Our topic this term is fitness. In this unit, we will take part in activities that ex[lore and develop our strength, stamina, speed, co-ordinations, balance and agility. We will learn how each component of fitness helps us in other sports and apply these in small games, practising each one through targeted exercises. We will also assess our own progress throughout.

PSHE

The next SCARF unit this half term is **Valuing Difference.** we will be exploring about how each person is unique and the importance of celebrating this within ourselves and others.

Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

I can identify multiples of a given number.

Music

Classroom Jazz

This term we will be listening and appraising to a variety of jazz songs with opportunities to play the glockenspiels to then compose, improvise and perform along to some chosen pieces.

MFL - Spanish

we will learn to talk about the pets we may have in Spanish. In grammar, we will move from 1st person singular (I) to 3rd person singular (he, she, it) verb usage so we are able to say what the pet is called and use conjunctions more confidently.

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