

St Martin's

Church of England Primary Academy

Year 5/6

English

In English, we will revise sentence structure, grammar, and punctuation to strengthen our writing skills. Using our class novel *Holes* by Louis Sachar as inspiration, we will write creatively for a range of purposes and audiences. We will develop descriptive writing to bring characters and settings to life, and use diary entries to explore events and emotions from different perspectives.

Alongside this, we will practise planning, drafting, editing, and improving our work to become more confident and accurate writers. Through reading and writing, we will deepen our understanding of language and express our ideas with imagination and clarity.

Maths

This term in maths, the children will build their understanding of number and calculation through a series of topics. They will start with place value, learning how to recognise, order, compare and round numbers to strengthen their number sense. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, using written methods, estimating answers and checking with the inverse. Later, the focus will shift to multiplication and division, beginning with times tables and practical strategies before applying these to larger numbers and written methods. The children will also develop their understanding of fractions, including equivalence and finding fractions of amounts.

Science

We will learn how plants and animals are adapted to survive in different environments, exploring the amazing ways living things meet their needs. We will investigate how natural selection works and how, over time, adaptations can lead to evolution. By studying inherited characteristics, we will discover how traits are passed from parents to offspring. We will also examine the evidence fossils provide, helping us to understand how life has changed over millions of years. Through these studies, we will deepen our understanding of the connections between adaptation, inheritance, and evolution in the natural world.

Welcome to Class 4! We hope you've had a brilliant summer full of fun and adventures, and that you're feeling refreshed and ready to go. We've got lots of exciting things planned for the Autumn Term - new topics to explore, creative activities, and plenty of chances to be the best that you can be!

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Geography

We will investigate how rivers are formed, their features, and their importance. By studying the River Trent and collecting our own fieldwork data from a local river, we will learn to present, analyse, and understand rivers in greater depth.

History

We will be learning about the Second World War. We'll explore how it began, Hitler's rise to power, life on the Home Front, the RAF's importance, local wartime impacts, and the key victories that secured Britain's success.

RE

In RE, we will explore biblical texts and Christian beliefs about God, considering how these shape worship and life. We will also compare Christian, Buddhist, and Humanist ideas of goodness, asking whether belief in God is necessary to live well.

PSHE

We will explore goals, rights, and responsibilities, recognising how our actions affect others locally and globally. We will also celebrate differences, learning about bullying, diversity, and inclusion, and how individuality brings both challenges and community strengths.

Spanish

In Spanish, we will learn classroom objects and key vocabulary in *Mi Clase*, practising speaking and writing simple sentences. In *La Fecha*, we will learn days, months, and dates, enabling us to talk confidently about the calendar in Spanish.

Art

We will explore different styles of drawing, from doodles to geometric designs, and discuss whether all creative marks can be considered art. We will experiment with techniques, practise describing artistic styles, and develop our own individual approaches to drawing.

Music

In Music, we will explore Gospel singing, learning about instruments, texture, and harmony while performing in style. We will also experiment with song writing, creating hooks, lyrics, and melodies, and analysing song structures to understand how music communicates meaning.

DT

Through a variety of creative and practical activities, pupils will be taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in the interactive process of designing, making and evaluating.

Computing

We will learn how networks connect devices, exploring types of networks, internet services, and their positive and negative uses. We will also focus on online safety, understanding how to protect ourselves and use digital technology responsibly.

PE

In PE, we will develop strength, balance, and control through body management, while using creativity and expression in interpretive dance. We will also learn strategies, teamwork, and skills for invasion games, building confidence in both individual performance and team play.