



Riverside Primary School



English

In English we are studying the book: *The Brilliant Deep* by Kate Messner and Matthew Forsyth. This is a biographical account of a young boy growing up with a fascination for the coral reefs and becoming a conservationist. We will support our study of the topic with other factual books and the children will develop their skills at writing persuasive texts. They will further develop their ability to include a range of cohesive devices in their sentences and across paragraphs. They will further develop their skills with a range of punctuation.



Science

Our topic this term is 'Living things and their habitats'. This will include looking at the life cycles of a variety of different animals as well as how they survive in their habitat. We are also returning to the topic of Earth and Space and have a visiting science teacher linked to the university delivering a series of lessons. This will finish with a visit to the university to see an exhibition on Space.



Mathematics

Pupils will start this term focusing on shape and space including coordinates. They will use their knowledge of place value to help with exploring decimals as well as further establishing formal written methods. We will move on to a unit on negative numbers and solve real life problems in this. Then we will explore measurements and how to convert between a variety of units. This will include developing our understanding of volume and capacity.



Art

Pupils will investigate the role of set designers in the performing arts. They will look at specific artists who specialise in artistic interpretations for the stage.



Year 5

Computing

This half-term, children will be learning about manipulating sound using a variety of online programs. They will use Audacity to work on a track of their own design and also an advert with music and a voiceover.



PSHE

Living in the wider world. We will be returning to the important topic of how to handle online information and highlight some of the dangers. We will look at how some information can be intended to make people act in a bad way. We will also look at prejudice and stereotyping and the problems they cause.



PE and Kit

Pupils need to come into school in their outdoor PE kit on Monday. We will be learning OAA skills this half term. Indoor PE will be on Thursday where we are doing dance.



Homework

Pupils will be expected to read regularly at home and learn weekly spellings and times tables for a test on Friday. They should aim to complete one homework task a week. (See Homework Matrix in Homework Book)

History

Our topic this term is *Ancient Greece*. Children will be able to put the period of history into a wider context using a timeline. They will explore the achievements of the civilisation and compare the different states within *Ancient Greece*.