



# Year 5 - Autumn Term 2

I hope you all had a lovely half term and a well-earned rest. Thank you to all of the children and also parents for all of your hard work during Autumn 1. We have had an amazing start to year 5 and the children have produced lots of great work and everyone has settled well into the Year 5 routines. We have a very exciting half term planned. Please remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter for weekly updates of what we get up to in Year 5!

## Important Dates:

Wednesday 8th November – Parent’s Evening  
Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November –  
Friendship Friday linked Anti-Bullying Week  
Thursday 9th November - World Science  
Investigation Day  
Friday 10th November – INSET Day  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need dress  
spotty day  
Friday 1st December - Christmas Shop Own Clothes  
Day  
Friday 9th December – Christmas Shop  
Wednesday 14th December – KS2: Christmas  
Singing Concert – All Saints Church  
Friday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day and  
Christmas Lunch  
Wednesday 20th December - KS2 Christmas Party

## French

In French, our new unit is called ‘The Date.’  
In this unit, we will be looking at the days of  
the week, recapping on numbers to 31 and  
finally will look at the months of the year.

## English

This half term, we will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. First, we are going to continue with our unit on debates and the children will have a face to face debate. Then they will use their knowledge and skills to write their own debate based on ‘Should exams be banned?’

Then, for our next unit in English, we will be looking at the book Wonder by R.J. Palacio. We will begin by predicting what the book is about, and then use our inference skills to describe characters feelings. Using the text, we will be looking at letters and we will write a letter as one of the characters.

Within our English lessons, we will also be looking at spelling patterns such as adding prefixes to root words and will also be looking at adding suffixes such as **-ance and -ancy**. Spelling Shed also has a range of games, activities and challenges to support the spelling that are taught in class and also ways to practise the statutory spelling list.

## Reading

Last half term, the children thoroughly enjoyed ‘The Nowhere Emporium’ by Ross Mackenzie and so we are going to read the next book in the series ‘The Elsewhere Emporium.’ In whole class reading, we are focusing on poetry and non-fiction texts and developing our reading skills using a range of these.

Throughout the half term, for our whole class reading we will be We will start using a programme to develop our reading fluency called ‘Reading Plus’, this an amazing online reading program that enables us to make great progress with our reading - click [here](#) to login.

## Maths

In Maths, this half-term we will begin the half term by looking at multiplication and division and fractions.

For multiplication and division we will look different types of numbers including prime, square and cube numbers and develop our understanding of these. Then we will move on to multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

In our fractions unit, we will be developing our understanding about equivalent fractions and then learn how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and also how to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions.

## Science

In science we, will be finishing off our topic on living things and their habitats by comparing the different life cycles of animals. We will then start our new topic of Earth and Space. We will learn about how the planets in our solar system move in relation to the sun. We will also learn about the shape of the moon, Earth and sun and how the moon moves relative to the Earth and finally we will be able to explain how day turns into night.

## RE

This term our RE unit is Islam and our specific focus will be the Qur'an. We will explore Islamic beliefs about the Qur'an as the word of God, explain how and why the Qur'an is a source of guidance for life for a Muslim and the impact of believing that the Qur'an is divine revelation.

## DT

This half term we will be focusing on textiles. We will be developing our skills of sewing from year 4 and will combine a range of stitches such as blanket stitch, back stitch and chain stitch. We will practise the different stitches and the children can plan which to use. For our final piece, we will make a bookmark to cover the corner of a page.

## Topic

In history, we will be continuing to look at the enquiry question 'Did the British Empire change Britain much?' Last half term we learnt, what an Empire is and when and how the British Empire began. This half term we will look at the changes and effects it on had Britain.

In geography, we will be looking at land use and how the land around our local area of Chorley has changed overtime. We will also learn the different areas of Chorley and will be visiting them on a local fieldwork trip.

## PSHE

We will be continuing our PSHE topic entitled 'Valuing differences.' We will address some powerful topics such as discrimination and injustice, the importance of mutual respect for different faiths and beliefs and how people sometimes aim to create an impression of themselves in what they post online that is not real and what might make people do this.

## Music

This half term, we will be focusing on our performing skills ready for our Christmas Carole Service. We will learn a variety of Christmas songs and will also look at the terms rhythm, beat, pulse and pitch.

## Computing

In computing, we will continue to focus upon using Microsoft Power point to create a presentation based upon our topic of the British Empire. We will be designing slides, editing transitions and timings, adding hyperlinks and applying animations to create an effective power point to present.

## PE

This half term, we In PE, we will be developing our gymnastics skills and will look at balancing, ways to move and how to move on high equipment.