### **English**

There will continue to be a strong emphasis on reading for this year. Children will be expected to have a reading book, read regularly and explore a range of genres and authors. Mrs Sharp will be monitoring the children's reading records on a Tuesday morning.

As a school this half term we will be using a new scheme of work – 'The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar' from the successful "Grammarsaurus" company. The focus will be understanding how a sentence "works" – unpicking how it is constructed and punctuated, as well as perfecting handwriting letter formation and common spellings.

We will also continue to work on our reading skills whilst enjoying Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo.

#### Maths

During this first half term, Mrs Sharp will concentrate on place value and the four operations – so brushing up on times tables will be useful!

With Mrs Denness, children will be spending this half term on fractions. We will track back to simple fraction calculations and then move on to more complex fractions of numbers as well as shapes.



#### Science

The class will be split for Science lessons this year. Mrs Denness will teach Year 5 and begin with learning more about the Earth and other planets' movements, relative to the Sun in the solar system. We will also consider how the Moon moves around the Earth, and find out about why Earth's rotation causes day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.

Electricity is the topic for Year 6 this half term. We will be looking at the relationship between numbers of batteries and components (bulbs, buzzers etc.) within a **circuit** and formalizing how we draw them; thinking about working **systematically** when carrying out experiments.

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## History

Our History topic theme for this half term is "democracy" where we will be looking at how the roles of the **Monarch** and **Parliament** in Britain have evolved over the centuries.



In Art we'll be exploring the purpose and impact of images from the 'Space race' era of the 1950s and 60s; developing independence and decision-making using open-ended and experimental processes; combining drawing and collagraph printmaking to create a futuristic image. We are also emulating rocket pastel pictures, in the style

of Peter Thorpe.

The block of RE for this half term will have the theme of "community" and explore the importance of sacred places of worship with a focus on mosques.

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This half term, Y5 will be having ukulele tuition with Mrs Jackaman, building on what they learnt in Y4. If they have their own ukulele, they are more than welcome to bring it in.
Y6 will begin with a unit on "Music from Films" where we will be appraising

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Films" where we will be appraising soundtracks, learning about **composing techniques**, then writing and performing our own music to convey and provoke emotions.

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Our first topic will be "Citizenship" where we will be learning about the links between rights and responsibilities. This will be delivered by Mrs Boyd.

PSHE / RSE

Mrs Sharp will be taking the class for indoor athletics on **Monday**, while Mr Goldsmith will take the class on **Fridays**. Children will still wear their PE to school on these days – but do remember jumpers and tracksuits (navy) when the weather is chilly.

PE

In Computing, we shall start the year looking at Flat-File Databases - comparing paper and computer databases, understanding how grouping and sorting data helps us answer questions, and understanding that computer programs can be used to compare data visually.

Computing