

Teaching and Learning at St Philips' C of E Primary School

Class: Mr Talbot

Year 5

Half Term: Spring 1 2022-23

Your child will be learning about the following this half term:

Writing

- Our writing will be focussed on two very different texts. Firstly, we will learn how to craft a letter (from space!) using **The Darkest Dark**, a true story about a famous Canadian astronaut.
- Our second writing focus will be using a book called **My Life in Brazil** – we will compare our own day-to-day lives with those of Brazilian pupils our own age. This will form the basis of a story we will be writing.



Reading

- Our focus in reading this half-term will be on inference. Developing a deep understanding of what is being said, without necessarily being said out loud, is a key skill for reading and absorbing texts.



History

- We will further our knowledge of Anglo Saxons and Vikings in our history topic this half term.
- Lots of aspects of Viking life will be explored, including longships, warfare, settlements, inventions and raiding.
- Lots of British places are so-named from Viking words, we will use maps and atlases to discover which.



Numeracy

Fractions

- This half term we will become experts on fractions. Fractions are simply a part of something, and the more we practice them, the more interesting and easy, they become. We will build on previous knowledge from the last 3 years of school and go even deeper. Not only will we learn how to add simple fractions, like $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$, we will explore mixed numbers, improper fractions and unit fractions and understand how to master their use.

Computing

- Computing this half term will introduce pupils to a microcontroller (Crumble) and learn how to connect and program components through the application of existing programming knowledge.

RE

- Our topic question this half-term is extremely thought-provoking. 'If God is everywhere, why go to places of worship?' This will be explored in great detail.

Music

- The song Jerusalem provides the basis for looking at changes through time. The children are given opportunities to compose and perform music inspired by their local community, both past and present

PE

- PE's topic of this half term is dynamic dance, with pupils improving their teamwork, agility and rhythm in lively fashion.

