Bel Royal Primary School

Each Unique, Together We Thrive

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

English

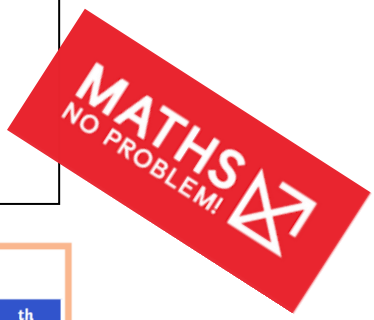
Writing – We will be exploring non-chronological reports and it's features through the lens of our new text driver *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.* Through this module, we will be learning about relative clauses, expanded noun phrases and effective use of punctuation in addition to using our imaginations and creativity within the context of a fantasy genre.

Spelling – the class will use spelling patterns and consider the morphology and etymology of words. As part of our democracy topic, the children will visit the States Chamber where they will each take part in a debate that they have researched, written and edited themselves.

Reading – the children will explore a range of texts and extracts and discuss the deeper meaning of a text as well as the authorial intent of the writer.

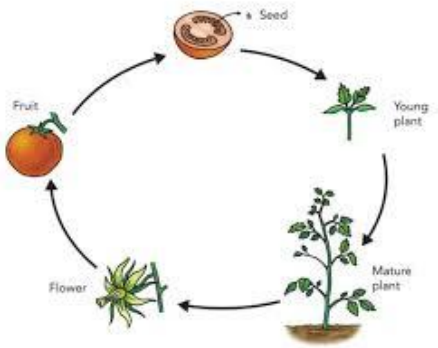
Maths

We will be focussing on the four operations (+, -, x and ÷) as well as the place value of numbers up to 1 million.
Children are encouraged to explain their thinking and reasoning and show more than one way to solve a problem. This may be through pictorial (drawing) or concrete (using equipment) methods as well as just numbers.



Science

We will learn about properties of materials and changing states. Can we design an experiment to find a way to separate a mixture? Is every change reversible?
We will also look at plants and animals and the different ways they reproduce. This will include researching and representing a life cycle of a specific animal.



History

We will consider how the geographical location and physical geography of Ancient Greece shaped its people and ways of life. The children will compare and contrast some geographical aspects of Ancient Greece with Jersey.
In History, our big question will be "What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?"
In order to answer this question, we will consider the legacy left for us, whether this be through myths, the modern Olympics, warfare and inventions and inspirational people.
We will make the link with democracy as part of our citizenship and reading work.

PE

This term, Y5 have the opportunity to hone their hockey skills with lessons delivered by Jersey Hockey. Children will develop their awareness of tactics and space in Netball. In Gymnastics, pupils will develop balancing, rolling, jumping and inverted movements. Thery will explore partner relationships such as canon and synchronisation and matching and mirroring. They will develop performance skills considering the quality and control of their action.

Art and DT

In Art we will create tiles inspired by images of Greece. They will explore, design, sketch and plan their tile before producing and painting their final piece.

In DT we will go through the full range of product design to prepare items to sell at our Christmas Fayre. We will discuss food hygiene and safety in the kitchen.

Music

For this half term, all our learning is focused around one song: Livin' On A Prayer, by Bon Jovi. The children will have the opportunity to listen and appraise a variety of songs within the style of rock music. Musical games will be provided to understand the dimensions of music, pulse, rhythm, pitch. We will learn to sing the song and also play instruments as an accompaniment. There will also be opportunities for their own compositions.

Computing

We will gain an understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices, including how best to use the internet to gather reliable sources of information

RE

We will explore why Christians believe their God is holy and loving. We will reflect on why Jesus is thought to be the Messiah and what this means to Christians in their worship today.

PSHE

We will be be learning about and visiting the States Chamber. During the preparation for this visit we will be developing discussion and debating skills, considering issues which impact upon young people and the wider community. The children will gain an understanding of how local politics work and gain a deeper knowledge of what is expected of a local politician. They will research and create their very own proposal to deliver in the States Chamber

Home-Learning

The most powerful activity you can do at home, is read! Please encourage your child to read a little each day and listen to them read to you (or a pet, sibling etc) at least once a week. TT Rockstars is another great activity, even 10 mins, 3x a week will make a difference. Other learning to support our work in class will be sent home. This will take a range of formats, including exploring new vocabulary and spelling patten or independent research to enhance their interest in what has been covered in class

Trips/Visitors/Events

We will be visited by a member of the States Assembly in September, to discuss life as a politician. Our States Chamber trip will be on Monday 15th December in the afternoon. More details will follow, as you are invited to hear the children speak! Bikeability will also be taking place this term.

DATES FOR YOUR

11th September	Battle of Britain Day
15th September	JCG online safety talk
16th September	Whole School photos
26th September	Festival of Words
27th – 31st October	Half Term