

Canaries Class Termly Newsletter



Welcome back to the Summer Term 1 and our final full term in year 5, the year has certainly flown by. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. Mrs Gosling and I are pleased to welcome the children back to hopefully a sunnier and warmer period. Over the next 6 weeks we will be focusing on:



Literacy – We will be continuing our unit about Emperor Penguins. Pupils will focus on producing a non-chronological report, lessons will emphasise the development of high-quality writing, with a clear focus on sentence structure and composition within a non-fiction genre. Each sentence-stacking lesson is structured into three distinct learning components, following *The Write Stuff* approach: Fantastic, Boombastic and the Grammaristic Rainbow. Pupils will construct their non-chronological reports using jigsaw pieces, which support a clear understanding of all elements of the success criteria.

We will then move on to a new unit called Mars Transmission. In this unit, pupils will imagine that they are part of the first mission to Mars and have become stranded following a disaster. Pupils will write a transmission to be broadcast back home. Using the same sentence stacking structure and our rainbow writing approach, they will first build their ideas together as a class. They will then go on to write their own transmission independently.

Reading – Pupils in Canaries will continue to read with an adult on a one-to-one basis throughout the week. Selected pupils will also continue to participate in the Literacy Gold programme during the following term. We kindly encourage parents and carers to support their child in reading at home at least three times per week. Regular reading helps to strengthen vocabulary, comprehension and confidence, supporting pupils in becoming more successful and motivated learners. In addition, pupils will continue to develop their reading

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comprehension skills through the study of selected texts and by responding to a range of comprehension questions.

Spelling – Spellings will be sent out each week on a Monday. This term the children will be tasked with learning 10 spellings per week, and our spelling test will take place on a Friday. Some children will continue in Mrs Gosling’s group learning the high frequency words. A spelling practice sheet will be sent home as normal.

Week 1 – words containing the letter string ‘ough’

Week 2 – words containing the letter string ‘ough’

Week 3 – Adverbials of time

Week 4 – Adverbials of place

Week 5 – words with a ‘ear’ sounds spelt ‘ere’

Week 6 – statutory spelling challenge words

Maths – This half term, our year 5 children will be focusing on decimals – the aim of the unit is for pupils to understand, read, write, compare and calculate with decimal numbers, linking them to fractions and place value. They will build on their knowledge of tenths and extend this to hundredths and thousandths.

We will then look at perimeter and area, aiming to understand and calculate the perimeter and area of shapes, particularly rectangles and compound shapes.

Times Tables – Please encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly at home. Frequent practice helps children build confidence and improve their speed and accuracy in maths. Your child can log in to the Tackling Tables website to practise their times tables. In addition, other websites such as www.timestables.co.uk provide helpful activities and games to support learning. Children may find it more engaging to practise through interactive games, which are also a great way to reinforce their times tables knowledge and these can be accessed through <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/eastgate#/> . This will help boost knowledge in preparation for year 6 and sats next year.

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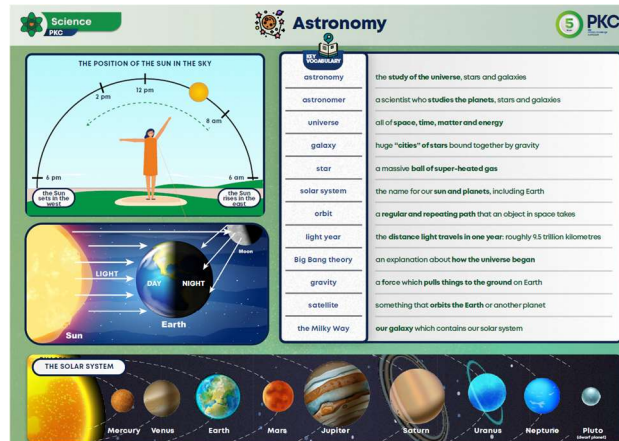


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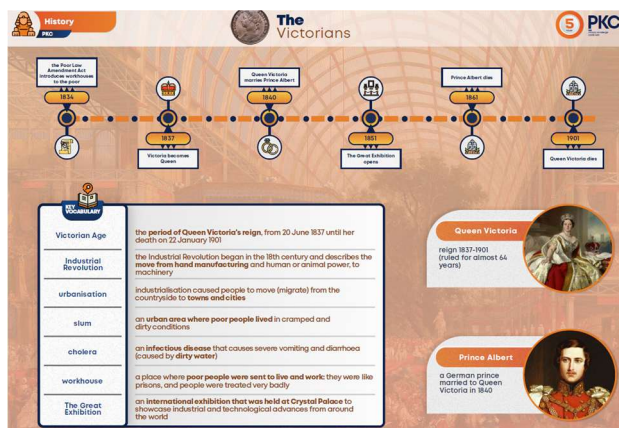


Science – Canaries will be learning about Astronomy in science.

Our lesson sequence will be as follows:

1. The Big Bang and the Expanding Universe
2. Gravity
3. Our Solar System
4. The Moon
5. Our Galactic Neighbourhood
6. Assessment

The unit introduces pupils to the origins of the universe, gravity, the solar system, the moon and our place in the galaxy. They will develop an understanding of how space objects move and interact, while exploring key scientific ideas about the formation and structure of the universe. We will be using scientific enquiry, observations skills and build curiosity about space.



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History – Canaries will be learning about The Victorians Era.

Our lesson sequence is as follows:

1. The Reign of Queen Victoria
2. Victorian Cities
3. The Poor Law and the Workhouse
4. Leisure
5. Life by 1900
6. Assessment

This unit explores life in Britain during the Victorian period. Pupils will learn about the reign of Queen Victoria and how Britain changes during the 19th century. They will investigate the growth of cities during the industrial revolution, the experiences of poor families and workhouses and how leisure activities developed by the end of the Victorian era. We will be developing historical skills such as interpreting resources, understanding change over time and comparing different experiences of people in the past.



Art – We will be learning about print making

Our sequence of lessons are as follows:

1. Introduction to printmaking
2. Different types of printing

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3. The stencil process – Screen-printing and Tataki Zome
4. Relief printing
5. Intaglio printing
6. Assessment

This unit introduces pupils to the art of printmaking, a process where images are transferred from one surface to another, usually paper or fabric. Pupils will explore how artists use different printing techniques to create repeated patterns, bold designs and detailed images.

During the unit, pupils will experiment with a range of printmaking methods including relief painting, intaglio painting and Tataki Zome. They will also study famous artists who used printmaking, including Rembrandt and Andy Warhol, whose colourful prints of Marilyn Monroe became some of the most famous artworks of the 20th century. We will be developing skills in design, pattern making, texture and printing techniques, while also learning how artists communicate ideas through print.

Computing – Canaries will be learning to use a Word document. The aim of the unit allows pupils to know what a word processing tool is for, to add and edit images to a word document. To know how to use word wrap with images and text and to change the look of text within a document. Moving onto adding features to a document to enhance its look and usability and use tables within MS Word to present information.

Spanish - Canaries will be learning about La Fecha (the Date). Pupils will learn how to say, read and write the date in Spanish. They will practice the vocabulary needed to talk about days of the week, months of the year, and numbers, enabling them to answer and ask the question ¿Qué fecha es hoy? (what is the date today?). This will help pupils develop confidence in speaking and writing simple Spanish phrases used in everyday classroom routines.

R.S.E - Year 5 R.S.E lessons will focus on strategies for keeping safe online; knowing personal information including images of themselves and others can be shared without their permission.

P.E – Mr Callaby will continue to be teaching P.E. The days for this is yet to be confirmed.

Please find some highlights at the bottom of the document from the Spring Term.

Thank-you for your continued support.

Mrs Bussey and Mrs Gosling.

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