



Year 5 Curriculum Map

Beech Class • Autumn term



Literacy

Write an information report about an imagined mythical creature and a setting description that creates mood. Compose a cinquain using rhythm and precise vocabulary. Write a story with linked, cyclical beginnings and endings, and a biography of an important historical or scientific figure. Plan, edit and improve writing.

Maths

Read, write, compare and order numbers to 1,000,000, and explore rounding and place value. Add and subtract using mental strategies and written methods, checking answers through estimation and inverse operations. Develop understanding of fractions, including equivalence, comparison and calculation, and explain reasoning when solving problems.

Science

Investigate gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance, and explore how mechanisms help us move objects. In Earth and Space, study the Sun, Moon and planets, and explain day and night. Make predictions, plan investigations, record results and use evidence to explain findings.

History

Explore Tudor Britain and the reign of Henry VIII. Compare daily life, food and clothing, and investigate Tudor doctors, medicines and beliefs about illness. Examine crime and punishment and consider how justice has changed. Use historical sources to ask questions and compare past and present.

Geography

Plot the Queen's Progress on a map and locate places visited. Identify features of Tudor settlements and how land was used. Compare Tudor London with modern London, describing changes to buildings, transport and physical and human features.

Computing

Use keywords to search efficiently, select relevant results and check whether online information is reliable. In Scratch, program musical sequences using sounds, repetition and timing. Test and debug code to improve a musical creation.

Physical Education

Practise passing, moving into space and teamwork in invasion games. Create and perform dance sequences. Develop static and dynamic balance, agility, coordinated ball skills and quick reactions. Apply these skills in games and challenges, showing control and fair play.

Music

Explore rock through Livin' on a Prayer and learn how the style developed. Listen to and discuss performances, then develop singing and ensemble skills. Through Classroom Jazz 1, explore jazz in its historical context and practise rhythm, instrumental playing and improvisation.

Art

Study Tudor paintings, portraits and clothing, including images of Henry VIII. Explore facial proportions, expression, colour and detail. Use drawing and pastel techniques to create self-portraits and a portrait of Henry VIII, then reflect on how to improve the work.

Design and Technology

Explore what crests represent and how symbols and colours communicate meaning. Design a personal crest and plan how to make it. Shape and decorate a clay crest, then paint it. Evaluate the finished design against the original idea and suggest improvements.

Law and Order

Exploring Tudor Britain • 1485–1603

