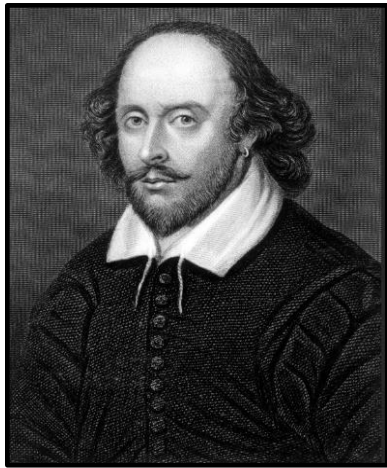
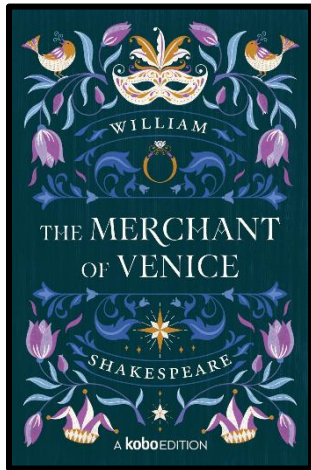


Year 5 - Spring Term 1.
Curriculum Newsletter



This term is a very exciting one for Year 5 because we have the amazing opportunity of working with the RSC and Silhouette Youth Theatre on our Shakespeare project. This will involve the whole class taking part in immersive drama sessions and eventually presenting a scene from the play, *The Merchant of Venice*. In History, we will be exploring the Tudors and William Shakespeare in more detail and finding out about the monarchy in that period and how Shakespeare still influences us today. This topic will link beautifully with our English work, allowing everyone to develop a deeper understanding of the context in which it was written. In Science, we will be studying properties and changes of materials. Here we will be scientists and research different states of matter, conducting experiments to help build our understanding.

English:

In English, the children are looking at one text in depth this term: 'The Merchant of Venice'. This will involve lots of drama opportunities, culminating in a performance of a scene from the play that will be professionally filmed and available for you to watch at a date in the Summer Term. During grammar sessions children will be revisiting and building upon their knowledge of parenthesis, relative clauses and semi-colons. The children will develop their writing stamina and handwriting fluency through extended writes at an Upper Key Stage 2 standard. Reading lessons will be orientated towards building fluency and securing the children's fact retrieval and inference skills.

Maths:

This term we will be studying fractions. Children will begin by learning about improper fractions and mixed numbers, then progress onto adding, subtracting, and multiplying them. This will include continued recall of facts learnt in the previous term to consolidate learning. Children will continue to practice their times tables and key known number facts in order to build fluency within their maths. We will continue to practice written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and homework will involve these core skills.

Ways to help at home:

- Homework will be set on Thursdays including maths activities on Mangahigh and reading on Myon. Please encourage children to spend time in a quiet place to complete their homework.
- Listen to your child read daily, they will receive a Dojo for every time you sign their reading record to say that they have read at home.
- Test your child on their times tables up to 12x12.

Other information:

- **PE will take place on a Friday morning. Please ensure children have their outdoor PE kit in school.**
- Swimming will also take place for some children on Friday afternoons. Parents will be contacted about this when their child is selected.