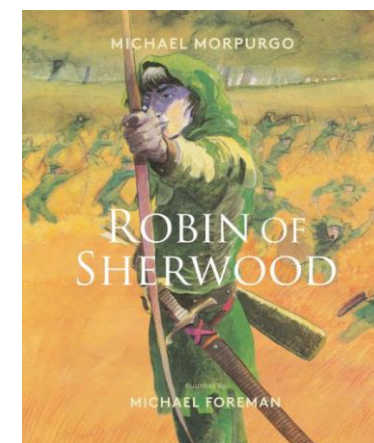


Year 5 and 6

Curriculum Letter

Autumn 1 2023

In **English** lessons this half term, with Mrs Waller, the children will be reading Robin of Sherwood by Michael Morpurgo. They will be developing their knowledge, use and application of appropriate and effective vocabulary. They will focus on story writing and will look in detail at character and setting description, dialogue, figurative language, and varying sentence starters including the use of fronted adverbials as well as developing their ability to edit and improve work. The children will also continue to develop their skills in inference and deduction – interpretation which goes beyond the literal information given and an understanding based on the evidence given in the text. In addition, Mrs Benton will be using the text to inspire our report writing. The children will look at a variety of Newspaper reports and use the features to produce their own articles.



In **Maths** the children will develop fluency and understanding of Roman Numerals, place value, and mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction. They will continue to develop this knowledge in different ways including application to worded problems with one or two steps. Mrs Benton will be focusing on 'Time'. The children will be also encouraged to continue to develop and secure their rapid recall of times table knowledge by using Times Table Rock Stars – new usernames and passwords will be given out at the beginning of term, so children can use this at home.

ART: This half term our work is linked to "Food in Art" – we will be studying artwork linked with some famous artists: Paul Cezanne, Wayne Thiebaud and Andy Warhol. We will focus particularly on fine-line drawing linked to the following foods: fruit, cakes, ice-cream, tins of soup, hamburgers and coca-cola.

The **Geography** this half term will be studying the country of Greece. The children will be learning about the physical and human geographical features of this European country as well as the location; the culture; the climate; the population and the traditional food which is grown, eaten and enjoyed. We will be having a GREEK DAY towards the end of this half term where the children will enjoy tasting Greek food and learning more about the traditions of Greece.

On Mondays, Mrs Benton will teach 'Real **PE** – Unit 2' where we will focus on the fundamental movement skills of dynamic and counter balances. We'll also be developing our social skills; we will learn how to cooperate as well as how we organise roles and responsibilities.

Starting on **Friday 15th September**, Mrs Waller will deliver swimming alongside two swimming teachers from Lowerwick Swimming Pool. By the end of Key Stage 2, all children should be able to swim a minimum distance of 25 metres unaided using a recognisable stroke. Please can all children bring goggles and swimming hats.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) this year will be German. In the first half term of the academic year the children will be learning: basic greetings and how to introduce themselves; numbers from 0 – 10; vocabulary for different family members; days of the week and months of the year.

The children will be learning the German vocabulary for different pronouns (I, you – both formal and informal – he, she and we). They will also be reading, writing and speaking in full sentences, using the verb: to have. In addition to this they will be learning about the location of Germany as well as basic historical and geographical aspects of the country.

In **Music** this term, the children will be learning to and developing skills in reading musical notation. They will be playing recorders and glockenspiels from written musical pieces.

The **Science** topic at the beginning of the term is **Light**. The children will learn how we see, shadows, reflection and refraction. The children will learn how light travels and how this enables us to see objects. They will have the opportunity to make a functioning periscope, finding out about mirrors and the angles of reflection and incidence.

In **RE**, we will be exploring the question 'Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?' Through this topic, we will learn about the Jewish communities within the midlands as well as further afield, explore the sacred words of the Jewish faith and what happens during worship in a synagogue.

Our **Computing** topic is 'Computing systems and networks - Communication and collaboration'. We will explore how data is transferred over the internet, and look at how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration. Finally, they learn how to communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the internet.



In **PSHE** we will be learning about relationships and the challenges that arise from friendships. We will be discussing emotional needs and how they change depending on the circumstances. We will also be looking at commitment, marriage and freedom to choose.

This half term, Maths homework will be set by Mrs Waller every Friday, and should be completed by the Wednesday of the following week. English homework will be given out every Tuesday by Mrs Benton and should be returned on Monday of the next week. Both of these subjects will be completed in formal homework books, rather than on Google Classroom unless otherwise stated. Each homework task should take between 20 and 30 minutes.

Spellings will be given out by Mrs Waller every Friday and the children will be tested the following Friday. A copy of these will also be on Google Classroom in case of absence. We would like children to read at home between 3 and 5 times per week. Please continue to record reading in children's reading diaries.

Kind regards Mrs Waller, Mrs Benton and Mrs Langbridge