

MTP Curriculum Notes

Year 5 – Spring 2017

ENGLISH: This term the boys will investigate the use of literary techniques to add detail and interest to their composition. Much of the comprehension, vocabulary and grammar work will be based around the class reader (*The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke). The boys will also cover poetry analysis and recital as well as continue to improve the accuracy of their spelling and punctuation.

MATHEMATICS: The boys will continue to follow the Singapore Maths Scheme. They will complete a unit on areas of triangles before moving on to ratios and then decimals. In order to reflect the changes already being seen in Maths papers at 13+ and at GCSE, a problem-solving approach will continue to be central to the way in which the material will be covered. Boys will continue to use manipulatives to support them in developing conceptual mastery alongside procedural mastery. Boys will be given every opportunity to engage in mathematical reasoning, as opposed to merely repeating well-rehearsed procedures. CAMI will continue to be used to help pupils develop fluency with number facts.

SCIENCE: In Science this term, the boys will study about Earth and Space before moving on to study properties of materials.

FRENCH: Pupils will continue their study of the Studio 1 course. This term's topics include life at school, time and food & drink. Lessons will consider new vocabulary and build on previous knowledge. Greater emphasis will be placed on grammatical aspects such as the present tense of regular verbs, adjective agreement and partitive articles.

HISTORY: This term the boys will continue to examine the Middle Ages. In particular they will consider the reasons for the death of Thomas Becket, and the best way in which to evaluate the kingship of John. This will enable them to continue their work on the ways in which sources might be seen as reliable or unreliable, and to start to use sources to provide evidence even when the reliability of the sources is in question.

GEOGRAPHY: In Geography this term, we will be looking at rivers and the landforms they create, as well as investigating the ways in which the earth is eroded and the processes involved in this.

CLASSICS: In Latin, we will continue to study *Cambridge Latin Course Book 1*, and learn about Roman cities and the functions of a Roman forum. We will also study the Jason myth.

MUSIC: In Music, the boys will be developing their understanding of Musical Theory with particular attention being paid to note naming, reading and writing rhythms and short melodies.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES: In RS this term, pupils will study selected aspects of Christianity. They will learn about where and how Christians worship. They will learn about the clergy, and will discuss the topic of Sunday. They will encounter Christian views on baptism and confirmation. At the end of the term, they will explore the Easter festival.

I.T: In IT this term, the boys will be introduced to how the internet works (how is the WWW and Internet linked) and investigate if all the information online is true. IT and Science will be working collaboratively to do data logging and use Excel to analyse the results.

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: This term in Art, the boys will be their reduction press prints and collage inspired by the work of Paul Klee and Henri Matisse before moving on to sculpt a modroc mask. After half term, the boys will be working in teams on their 'eco-house' project. They will be designing and building a scale model which will include as many eco-features as possible. The models will be created using recycled materials.

DRAMA: This term the boys will be exploring the use of mask technique before devising and rehearsing scenes for presentation using the school's collection of Trestle Theatre Company masks.

P.E. & GAMES: In P.E. lessons the boys will be given the opportunity to develop skills in Gymnastics, developing basic skills including rolling, balancing and using their body weight effectively. In Games this term, the pupils will be given the opportunity to practise and improve the individual and team skills associated with Football. **Important Note: Students will need to bring football boots AND astro-trainers to each games session. Hat, gloves and a towel will also be required for each session.**