



R.E.

Our units this term are:

Galilee to Jerusalem and **Desert to Garden.**



Children will also plan and take part in regular Collective Worship.

English:

This term, we are studying 'The Lego Story'.

Children will be focusing on writing 'show not tell' sentences.



We will also be working on writing skills such as planning effectively, as well as the grammar skills of punctuation, sentence structure and vocabulary.

Remember to keep up your reading - a minimum of 20 minutes a night, logged in your reading records.

Reading Skills: Children will be practising to read words accurately, draw inferences, read with expression and be able to recall, predict and summarise ideas from the text.

Please remember to read with your child 5 times a week. Reading Records must be handed in every Monday.

Spelling: Children will follow the Year 5 spelling programme and take part in weekly spelling tests with a different focus each week.

Handwriting: Children will continue to practise and improve their handwriting, focusing on joining and correct letter formation and spacing. All children will write with a blue handwriting pen. Please continue to use Letter Join.



Maths:



This term, the children will focus on the following units:

Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Decimals and percentages,
Perimeter and Area.

Please remember to continue to learn your Times Tables up to 12x12.

History:

We start our unit by considering the reasons behind the **Age of Discovery** from the late 15th century to the 17th century, during which seafarers from a number of European countries explored, colonized, and conquered regions across the globe.

We will then investigate the **Ancient Maya of Meso-America** and how we have come to know about it today. We learn about primary and secondary sources used to research the Maya civilization and discover about the structure of



their society. We also discuss reasons for the decline of Maya civilization. We investigate and interpret the past and present to understand chronology and communicate our understanding of history.



Science:



This term, the children will focus on the following units:

Properties of materials

Changes of materials

They will learn about states of matter and processes to change from solid to liquid to gas. They will make simple conclusions based on findings and observations. They will relate findings and conclusions to their scientific knowledge and explain their predictions.

Computing:

Our Computing topics this term are:

**Selection in physical computing
(programming a Microbit),**

Video production

Children will also be using devices throughout all areas of the curriculum and learning about **Online Safety.**



Art and D.T:

Our Art and D.T. topics this term are:

DT Food: What could be healthier?

DT Textiles: Hand puppets

Art: Portraits.



Children will practise sketching, tracing, drawing, designing and evaluating skills. They will use various art mediums such as pastels, paint and wax.

P.E:

Our dance unit links with our History unit on The Maya.

Children will also be developing their tennis skills during their outdoor P.E. lessons.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct P.E. kit on their P.E. days.



RSHE:

Our RSHE unit for the Spring term is:

Created to Love Others

This unit explores the individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe both online and in our daily lives.

Music:

This half term children will be learning songs and analysing the features and looking at instruments involved.

They will be exploring a range of Music genres.



French:

The focus this term is on **Talking about sport.**

The children will practise dictionary skills, learning new vocabulary.

They will express opinions and develop frequency verb and adjective work.

They will learn vocabulary associated with Easter.

Reminders:

Reading Records: These are checked every Monday. They must be signed by a parent/carer 5 times a week. Children change their books every Monday and should be taking these home each week to read aloud.

Homework: Maths and Spelling homework is set weekly. English and R.E. homework is set occasionally throughout the term. All homework tasks will be outlined clearly on the Weekly Newsletter, sent each Thursday.

P.E: P.E. days may change throughout the term. Please check the Weekly Newsletter for this information. Children wear their P.E. kit to school on their P.E. days. Please look at the uniform policy and ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct kit.

Equipment: Pencil cases should be small enough to fit into your child's tray. Please ensure they have a ruler, glue stick, 3x blue handwriting pens, writing pencils, colouring pencils and a highlighter.

Contact: If you wish to meet with your class teacher, this can be arranged by e-mailing 'year5@shpsruislip.org'. Drop-in sessions are from 3:15 every Tuesday.