

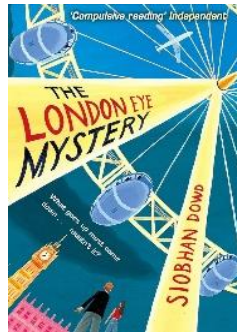
Year 5 Newsletter Spring 2

Spring has sprung...

As we enter the second half of the year, the year 5 team are ready to continue with the blistering pace we have been going at so far. This half term will see an art trip into central London, a World Book Day celebration, Feast for Eid and much, much more.

This term might just be five weeks long, but we are packing in enough fun for twice that duration!

Our core text this term will be the London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd.



Key dates and information:

- **Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day
- **Monday 16th March** – Art trip to central London
- **Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March** – Parent consultation evenings
- **Monday 23rd March** – Feast for Eid

PE

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day.

Year 5 will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays.

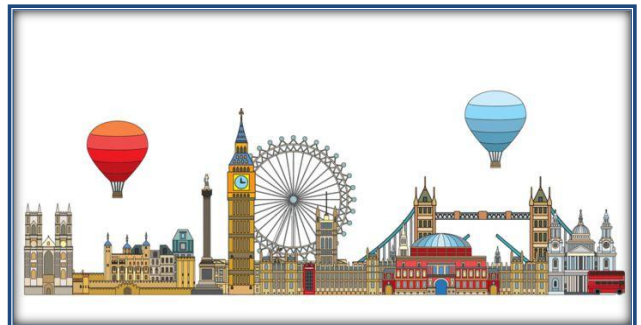
Art Enquiry:

Our scenario: Time Out Magazine want some artwork for the front of their London tourist leaflets.

We will be creating our own artwork based on a London landmark of our choice. We will make sketches and take photos on location; experiment with several media and produce a unique final piece that reflects what London means to us.

Our outcomes must:

- Include pencil sketch
- Include painted piece
- Show a variety of shading techniques
- Be painted with your own blended colours
- Have an architecture theme
- Be inspired by one of our artists.



OUR CURRICULUM

English - Writing

This half term will be about narratives. We will first concentrate on writing imaginative, descriptive and vibrant setting descriptions. We will follow this with an alternative end to the London Eye Mystery. Children will be encouraged to use their imaginations and decide how the mystery should be resolved.

English - Reading

Our core text will be the London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd. It gives lots of clues throughout the story about the mystery so we can use it to sharpen our inference skills. A love of reading is essential for studying in secondary school and for life, so we will continue to push our pupils to read for 20 minutes every day.

Mathematics

During our maths lessons this half term, we will continue to work on fractions. We will be looking at how they match up to decimals and percentages. We will end the term on area and perimeter and our first bit of statistics for the year.

Science

We will be studying properties of materials. We will be chemists and architects, when we consider the best materials for building a brand new London landmark. Building on knowledge and understanding gained in KS1 and in year 3 and 4, we will look at hardness, transparency, and conductivity of a variety of materials. We will then consider the practical uses of different materials.



RE

During our RE lessons, we will be focusing on Judaism, focusing on the importance of Shama, Bar/Bat mitzvah and the Synagogue.

Computing

Pupils will learn the skills it takes to become graphic designers. They will create vector drawing using Google drawing. They create their own logos and incorporate their designs on to a range of merchandise.

How to support your child at home...

- Mysteries are a fascinating genre of writing and can be explored together by you and your children through the writing of Arthur Conan Doyle or Anthony Horowitz. Why not visit the local library to find books by these authors?
- Visit an art gallery together and explore how artists use colour and shading in their work. There are so many galleries in London that you can visit for free, including Tate Modern and the National Gallery.

Important things to practise at home:

- Reading independently. This will have an incredibly positive impact on progress in both reading and writing!
- Times tables – children are expected to recall all facts up to 12 x 12.