

English

(ABC)

In English this half term, we will be reading *Queen of the Falls* by Chris van Allsburg. A story about Annie Taylor, a short, plump and fussy sixty-two-year-old widow, who runs a charm school, right by Niagara Falls. When this starts to fail, she resolves to find fame and fortune by being the first person ever to go over the thundering waters of Niagara Falls in a barrel.



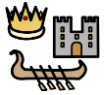
What you can do to help at home:

- We encourage everyone to read as much as possible.
- Investigate Annie Taylor and Niagara

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Year Group: Year Five and Six

History



In history, we will be exploring the ancient civilizations of Maya, Benin and Islam. We will be exploring how all of these civilizations have influenced our modern world. We will focus on Cultural Past Times and Beliefs delving deep into the world of Arabian Nights, Scientific Achievements and the art of calligraphy.

What you can do to help at home:

- Research these different cultures for yourself
- Look closely at chronology and how these time periods connect

Maths



In maths this half term, we will be revisiting number and place value, challenging ourselves to reach beyond 1,000,000. We will continue working on our Times tables and quick recall of number facts.

What you can do to help at home:

- Access times on TTRockstars
- Look for numbers around you
- Keeping working on halving and doubling numbers to 1,000



Science:



In science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will be looking at reproduction in plants, including pollination and fertilization. Children will conduct an investigation into seed dispersal. We will study a variety of animal life cycles and compare and contrast the life cycles of mammals, birds, amphibians and insects.

What you can do to help at home:

- Look out for signs of habitats in your local area
- Consider the lifecycle of your favourite animal



Religious Studies:

In RE we will be considering the question *Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?* This will focus on the faiths of Christianity, Sikhism and Islam.



PHSE:

In PSHE we will be learning about 'Me and My Relationships.' This will focus not only on the children's Well Being but also the ways in which they work and interact with others.



Physical Education:

In PE we will be learning and developing ball skills in Handball and Hockey. We will focus on head eye coordination and developing team work.



Computing:

In computing we will be initially focusing on Esafety, keeping ourselves safe while online. We will then dive deep into the world of coding by using the website Scratch.