

Art – In Art, we are looking at the work of Frida Kahlo. We will find out how she was known for her self-portraits and work inspired by nature and her native country.



Computing – Pupils will be creating and searching databases. We will use Excel to create and search a database.



R.E. – Our big question this half-term is: What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?



Science – In Science, we are studying Earth and Space. We will attempt to unpick questions such as why does the Earth orbit the sun and why is there no gravity in space?



Geography We will explore **South America**, learning about its countries, capital cities, climate, and key features like the Amazon rainforest.

Rebels and Daredevils

Year 5 Autumn 1



Music This term, we will explore **composition and musical notation** through the exciting theme of **Ancient Egypt**. Children will learn how to read and write simple music using standard notation and use instruments to **create and perform their own compositions** inspired by Egyptian rhythms and sounds.

English – This term, we will be diving into the inspirational story *Race to the Frozen North* by Catherine Johnson. Through the eyes of Matthew Henson, one of the first men to reach the North Pole, we will explore themes of resilience and determination. Children will write a first-person diary entry, imagining the thoughts and feelings of Henson during his incredible journey. We will also enjoy reading *Young, Gifted and Black*, celebrating the lives of remarkable individuals. Children will choose one figure from the book and write a biography, developing their skills in paragraphing, expanded noun phrases, and using subordinate clauses to add depth and detail to their writing. Our whole class shared reading text will be *Holes* by Louis Sachar.

Maths – In Maths, we will be securing our knowledge of place value by introducing the ten thousands column. This will then support mental calculations and column addition and subtraction.



PSHE and Wellbeing – Our topic in PSHE will be Me and My Relationships. Here we will look at how we can work collaboratively, reflect on friendship qualities, recognise our basic emotional needs as well as assessing assertive behaviours.

P.E. – Our P.E. lessons for this half-term will be on Wednesday for 5L and Thursday for 5A. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in plain, dark coloured joggers/leggings, a plain white t-shirt, school jumper/cardigan and trainers. This half term the children will be taking part in football to develop their teamwork, coordination, ball control and tactical awareness.

Spanish – We will be learning how to talk about our hobbies, jobs and where we live.