



THE BRITISH SCHOOL  
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# Curriculum Overview

## Spring Term 2020

**Year 5**

## **English**

In English we will begin by looking at the life of Anne Frank - an evacuee who led an extremely difficult life as a German born Dutch-Jewish girl hiding from the Nazis occupying Holland. We will be writing a biography about Anne Frank and her life.

Following this, we will be acting out some of the experiences evacuees had been through and using this as a stimulus to write our own playscripts.

Finally, we will move on to create a letter recount to a loved one. We will be writing about the experiences from the perspective of someone in the war.

In guided reading, we will be reading a non-fiction book about World War 2.

## **Maths**

We will spend most of this term investigating Fractions in Maths. We will look at equivalent fractions; mixed numbers and improper fractions; adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts. In the last couple of weeks of the Spring term we will move on to exploring Decimals and Percentages and connect this to our previous Fraction work.

## **Science**

During Science this half term, we will be learning about life cycles. This will include comparing the life cycles of different animals including mammals, insects, birds, reptiles and also flowers.

After half term we will begin to learn about different materials. We will discuss, compare and investigate the properties of different materials including absorbency and magnetism. We will also learn about states of materials (solid, liquid and gas) and also how to separate materials using sieves and filters.

**Scientific enquiry** is where the children learn to think critically about topics in Science and to develop questioning and enquiring skills.

## **Topic**

In Topic we will begin studying about World War 2. We will research the outbreak of the war, evacuation, rationing, the role of women during this period and the Holocaust. We will also visit El Alamein.

## **Art/DT**

In Design and Technology, we are going to build an Anderson shelter from recyclable materials.

In Art we will be creating self portraits - portraying ourselves as a soldier in the war. We will also be creating a silhouette skyline of the Blitz.

## **Music**

This term Year 5 will extend their knowledge of the musical elements, with a focus on composition in the unit 'At the Movies' in which the children explore film music – from 1920s animated films to present day movies. They will learn techniques for creating soundtracks and film scores, and compose

their own movie music. They will gain an understanding of music narrative, interpret graphic notation and use a storyboard to structure sounds. They will also learn about the use of musical clichés in soundtracks and explore the effects of music on movies. The HPL focus for this term is developing our *Evolutionary and Revolutionary Thinking through Practice*.

### **PSHCE**

In PSHCE, Year 5 will be looking to the future with discussing what their aspirations and dreams are. We will look at different jobs and what it entails to enter certain professions. We will look at our health and understand that there are things that can hurt our bodies. Also, we will look at how to get help in emergency situations as well as take a look at celebrity culture.

### **French**

In French, year 5 will be following Skoldo book 2. 4. They will be learning about the different body parts. They will also learn about time so they can use it to talk about their daily routine and mention specific time for certain things that they do during the day. Then they learn about the days of the week, months of the year and subjects. The last thing that they will be learning about is the four seasons and the different types of weather throughout the year.

### **Arabic**

In the spring term, pupils will read a variety of non-fiction articles. The writing will be related to what they read. In grammar the Pupils will learn some grammatical rules such as:

علامات إعراب المفعول به - إعراب المفعول لأجله - إعراب المفعول المطلق - علامات إعراب المبتدأ والخبر - إعراب المضاف إليه.

### **P.E**

In Physical Education Year 5 students will look at the tactics of invasion games. They will look at individual tactics and how to effect games in both attacking and defensive situations. They will then explore simple game tactics as a team. They will explore skills such as communication, organisation and teamwork.

### **Computing**

During this term we will learn about manipulating images, adding effects and saving them them correctly. We will also continue to learn to code using Scratch, building an interactive game.

## **Information for parents**

Children are expected to be punctual, especially with the new timings of school starting at 8.05. Please ensure children are getting enough sleep and are well rested for their school day.

Timetables are in the blue diaries so please be aware of the specialist subject days. Children are to change in school for P.E.

### **Homework**

Homework will be an important part of a child's learning at BSA and children will be expected to complete some homework. As well as the homework set by class teachers, children are expected to make an effort to learn timetables at home to ensure they are able to make the most of the year 5 maths curriculum.

Reading at home for pleasure will be actively encouraged. In year 5, we are passionate about reading and storytelling and we want our students to be too. To support this, we have opportunities within our week to discuss and share the books we are reading.

We will also set maths and English homework on alternate weeks, this being set on a Tuesday and will need to be completed and returned to the class teacher the following Monday.

Spellings will be sent home on a Thursday in preparation for a spelling test the following week.