

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Fenstanton and Hilton
Primary School



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What we are learning about:

Our topic/theme this half term is:

Where does our food come from? Trading and Economics.

We will be learning:

In Topic, we will have a Geography focus and will be learning about trade and economics. We will look at the UK's trade links with other countries, the global economy and revisit the importance of Fairtrade. In DT, we will be developing our knowledge of nutrition and our cooking skills. We will be researching, designing and cooking a 3-course meal in a 'Come Dine With Me' style project. In Science, we will be focussing on working scientifically on a variety of tasks to learn about the different ways in which scientists work in the real world. We will look at the discoveries of famous scientists, the methods forensic scientists use and the various ways scientists tell others about new discoveries.

Key Vocabulary:

Maths – compare, kilogram, gram, centimetres, conversion, perimeter, area, cost, profit, loss, net, cuboid, angle, degrees, protractor, ratio

English – expanded noun phrase, relative clause, parenthesis, subjunctive, fronted adverbial, emotive, adverbial phrase, preposition, modal verb, conjunction, pronoun

Topic – trade, import, export, goods, global, global supply chain, consumer, fair trade, multinational, economy, services, bereavement, death, eulogy, forgiveness, heaven, rituals, sin, soul, reincarnation, moshka, karma, dharma, scientist, timeline, analyse, pattern, survey, classify, fair test, forensic, fingerprint, chromatography, microscope, DNA, evidence, debate, blog, news, science fair.

English:

In English, we are continuing to read Letters from a Lighthouse. Using the text, we will be producing a range of writing outcomes, such as balanced arguments, formal letter writing and narrative. This unit will give us the opportunity to apply the skills we have learnt so far. For example, in Year 6, we will be practising the use of the subjunctive form to formalise our writing, and in Year 5, will be perfecting our use of relative clauses and parenthesis to provide additional information about an event or character. As in all of writing, cohesion is key! Using fronted adverbials, pronouns and repeating words, we will continue to ensure our writing is well sequenced and connects from one point to the next. We will continue to consolidate spelling skills, focussing on the Y5/6 spelling list, as listed on the homework; please do practise these regularly, at home.

Mathematics:

This half-term in maths, we will be applying our maths skills through projects. To begin with, we will be creating a cupcake business. We will consider the time, tools and ingredients needed to make cupcakes. By comparing products from different supermarkets, we will determine which products are the most cost-effective. Once we have established cost of individual items, we will then scale up our ingredients for the number of cupcakes needed, using ratio. After designing and making our 3D boxes, using protractors and rulers, we will then determine how much net profit we make based on the final cost of the product. After this, we will be developing a tourist project, considering the cost of flights, accommodation and the budget.