

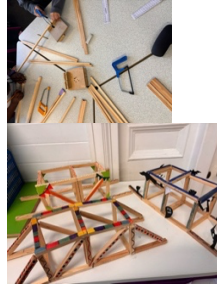


# Year 5 Newsletter Autumn Two 2024

## Year 5's learning experiences from Autumn 1



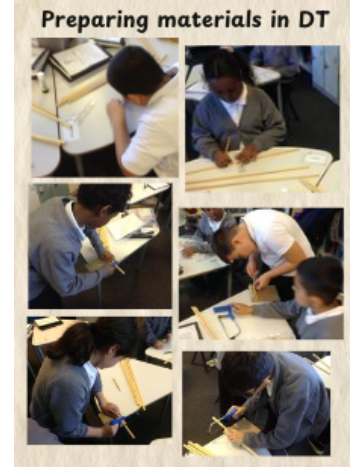
**Piccadilly –**  
As part of our Forces unit in science, children worked scientifically to design and create various parachutes with different materials. They then tested them to see which variables affected the parachutes performance.



**Elizabeth –** As part of the D&T Topic of "Bridges" children loved exploring equipment and designing their own bridge which they then brought to life by constructing it.



**Victoria –** In addition to their PE sessions, children had fun practising and refining their footballing skills with a THFC Coach.



**Preparing materials in DT**  
Jubilee children have enjoyed developing their measuring and sawing skills whilst preparing their materials for building a bridge. They showed our values of safety, responsibility and collaboration too!

### What will your child be learning about this half term?

**In English** we will be reading *The Distance Between Me & the Cherry Tree*, *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* and *Voices in the Park*. We will be writing in different genres including recounts, narrative from a different perspective, setting and character description. We will be focusing on learning the following grammar rules - descriptive techniques, fronted adverbials, figurative language and cohesive devices.

**In maths** we will be focusing on properties of number, fractions, decimals, place value (rounding) and area & perimeter.

**Our topic in science** is 'Properties and Changing Materials'. Children will be learning about and exploring properties of a variety of materials and their uses. They will learn to use scientific vocabulary in planning and carrying out investigations to prove or disprove their predictions.

**Our learning quest** this half term is, 'What have Ancient Civilisations done for us?' The intent of this topic is for children to understand the sheer extent of the influence and legacy of Ancient Greece. Children will learn about the beliefs, ways of life, achievements and influence of Ancient Greece. They will explore how broad the lasting impact (legacy) that Ancient Greece has had over our way of life today from the origins of Olympics games to the invention of theatre as a cultural pastime.

**In art** we will be learning how to design and create our own clay coil pots in the style of Grayson Perry inspired by the designs of Ancient Greece.

**In music** we will be exploring the Charanga unit of 'Music and Me'. Children will learn how to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

**In PE** we will be doing Netball and Gymnastics.

**In RE** we will be learning about Christianity – The True Meaning of Christmas.

**KS2 only: In French** children will be learning vocabulary to describe themselves.

### Key Dates for our Year Group this half term

*This is in addition to the whole school key dates.*

Date	Event
27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Edmonton Green Library
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Home Learning due in

### Our Recommendations:

#### **Book Recommendation:**

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf,  
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

#### **Website recommendation:**

TTRockStars for times tables- <https://trockstars.com/>