



Year 5 Spring Newsletter



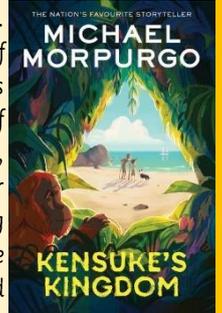
Welcome back to Maney Hill in 2026! The children have started the new year refreshed and with enthusiasm towards what will be a short but busy term. Here is an overview of the learning we have in store until Easter:

Maths

In maths we will continue to work on fractions, looking specifically at multiplying and dividing fractions, and finding fractions of amounts. We will then move on to decimals and percentages; looking at equivalences, rounding, ordering and comparing. After that, we will spend some time on perimeter and area, using our addition and multiplication skills to calculate and estimate. Then we will look at statistics, drawing, reading and interpreting a range of graphs and tables. Finally, we will recap our arithmetic skills, applying these to a range of question types.

English

In English, we are studying the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. It is a fantastic book with lots of opportunity to expand the children's vocabulary and explore themes of empathy and adventure. Using this text, the children will continue to develop their use of a range of punctuation (including brackets, dashes and commas) and write for a range of purposes including: balanced argument, character description, ship's log and punctuated dialogue.



Science

Earth and Space

We will be describing the shapes and movement of the Sun, Moon, Earth and other planets in the solar system. We will be studying the Italian scientist Galileo Galilei, who discovered that the sun is the centre of our solar system.

Living Things and Habitats

Within this topic the children will start by studying the habitats of plants and animals and how we, as humans, can have an effect on these. We will then look to describe and compare the reproductive cycles of animals and plants.

Topic

History

For our first half term we will be studying the 'Early Islamic Civilisation', looking at ordering events chronologically including the different Caliphates from 632 CE to 1258 CE. Children will use a range of primary and secondary sources to explore this period of history.

Geography

After half term, we move onto our geography unit which is 'The Silk Road'. We will use maps and understand the meaning of the word 'cartography' to explore the cities of the Islamic empire.

P.E.

P.E. will take place on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** for 5L and **Monday** and **Wednesday** for 5O. This term we will develop skills in Dance, Gymnastics, Cricket and Tennis.

Homework will continue to be set each **Friday**. This will be due to be completed by the following **Wednesday**.

Spellings will be set each **Friday** on Spelling Shed. The spelling test should be completed online by the following **Friday**. Please ensure that spellings are completed on time.

Diary dates

New Hall Valley Walk: Tuesday 13th January (weather dependant)
MacMillan Coffee Morning: Friday 23rd January
Space Museum: Thursday 29th January

Thank you for all of your continued support. If you have any concerns or queries throughout the term, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Miss Lockett and Mrs O'Dowd