



Autumn Term 2 Year 5 and 6

English

The Arrival by Shaun Tan

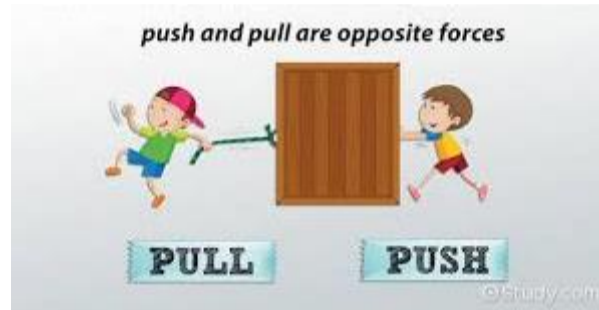
This term children will learn through this book "The Arrival" by Shaun Tan is a beautifully illustrated, wordless story about one man's journey to a new land, capturing the courage, hope, and challenges of starting over.

It's a powerful story about immigration, resilience, and the universal search for belonging — perfect for sparking discussions about empathy and understanding.



Science Forces

Children will learn the main facts –
Is friction good or bad?
Does gravity work underwater?
Who can make the best rocket?
How much can you lift with a lever?
How did the Victorians use gears and pulleys?
Who can build the best bridge?



Maths

Our focus, in Maths, this half term is the understanding of multiplication and division and fractions and varying calculations linked to this. From these children will use these to aid their working out of different style calculations.



Spelling

Children will have spelling lessons every Monday where they will learn a new spelling rule. They will be given activities through the week to practise this rule and have a test the following Monday.

Handwriting & Letter Formation

As a school, we have a real focus on handwriting this year and will have a 10-minute handwriting lesson each day in order to learn and practise forming letters and joining correctly.

PE

'Swimming and Fitness/Dance'

On a Monday afternoon, we have Fitness/Dance and Thursday afternoon is Swimming. Please ensure children have full indoor and outdoor PE kits. See back of planner for correct PE kits.



RSHE

Our key questions that we will be covering this half term are; What is prejudice? What is the history and prejudice? What should I do if I encounter prejudice?



RE

What does it mean if Christians believe God is loving and holy?

We will be exploring the belief system that Jewish people follow and the importance of the Torah.

History 'The Victorians'

Children will learn about -
When the Victorian period took place
The life of Queen Victoria
The differences between the poor and rich
Children in Victorian times
Impact of the railways as a transport link



Design & Technology Mechanisms – Pulleys and Gears

Children will investigate how pulleys and gears work.
Children will design and make a merry-go-round for a fairground with a link to the Victorians, using their knowledge from the investigations. Children will then evaluate the final product.



Computing Selection in Physical Computing

Children will be working towards writing and testing algorithms and everything linked with this outcome.

Music

Children will be taking part in ukulele lessons.

