

## English

Non-Fiction– Explanation Texts-  
Why do find cacti in the desert?

### Tools:

Use a range of technical vocabulary

Use complex sentences to effectively add information into your sentences.

Sentence Openers

Use conjunctions to provide cohesion in sentences by showing cause and effect

### Poetry

Apostrophe for contractions/

Possession

Commas for sentence of 3 – description, action

## RE: How do people judge?

- Understand what a hate crime is
- Learn about the Holocaust Memorial Day and what it means.
- Understand that people can make a difference and work to get rid of hate crime
- Links to British Values

## Creative Arts

Art: Jacob Lawrence– Migration

DT– Digital World Monitoring Devices

Music– Composing and Chords

## PSHE

Feeling Safe & My 'Uh-Oh' Signs

Valuing the Law,  
Weapons & What Is A Crime



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 5– Spring 1



## Maths

Multiply up to 4-digit numbers and solve short division problems.

Multiply fractions, calculate amounts, and find the whole.

## Topic: Geography– The Desert

- Identify desert characteristics and features.
- Locate and explore deserts globally.
- Describe desert physical features.
- Explain human uses of deserts.
- Understand threats to desert environments.
- Compare deserts with other environments.

## Science– Properties of Materials

- Compare materials based on properties like hardness and conductivity.
- Explore dissolving and separating mixtures (e.g., filtering, sieving).
- Investigate how materials are chosen for specific uses

## PE: Football and Dance

- Designing and adapting football drills
- Refining rules to make activities fun and engaging
- Improving ball control and coordination
- Building core strength through balance activities

PE Days: Tuesday and Wednesday

## Get Reading



**Material World: Sand and Soil** by Steffan Soule

**Deserts** by Peter Benoit

**The Iron Man** by Ted Hughes

**The Girl of Ink & Stars** by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

## Get Visiting



Kew Gardens - Princess of Wales Conservatory

Natural History Museum - Earth Hall and Investigate Centre

## Home Learning

**EdShed** 

Weekly Spelling Test on: Monday



Times Tables: Regular Practise at Home

The login for EdShed and TTRockStars/ Numbots is the same. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any trouble



Practice 3 facts a day.

Test on: Friday

## Get Cooking



Why not try some fun and simple recipes at home? Linked to our science topic, explore how materials change when heated or cooled.

- **Desert-Inspired Treats:** Make "Sand Biscuits" by rolling shortbread dough in sugar for a sandy texture.
- **Melting Moments:** Observe how chocolate melts and sets as you make *chocolate-dipped fruit*.
- **Frozen Fun:** Create fruity ice lollies and explore how liquids freeze into solids.



# Home Learning

We look forward to seeing all the work the children get up to at home.

Children can move up the podium for showing their class teacher they have completed some of these activities!