



Shenley Primary School

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In **English**, we will be writing a range of pieces including:

- *A short narrative and a piece of poetry
- *A non-chronological report
- *A descriptive piece

As writers, we will:

- * Understand how to speak about what we are going to write about.
- * Use multi-clause sentences to create detailed paragraphs.
- *Use fronted adverbials effectively.

We will be reading



In **guided reading** sessions, we will be working on our retrieval and predicting skills. We will look at a variety of different texts to support us in developing these skills.

Reading books will be changed as and when needed.

In **RE**, our big question is: Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?

In **maths**, we will be learning about:

Place value and addition and subtraction

As mathematicians, we will

- * Read and write numbers to 1, 000,000
- *Round numbers within 1, 000,000
- *Add and subtract up to 4 digit numbers
- * Solve multi step problems
- *Use rounding and inverse to check answers

In **art**, our project is: Drawing self portraits

As artists, we will be studying Frida Kahlo.

Frida Kahlo is a Mexican artist. After learning about her, we will develop the skills of sketching and proportion work whilst encouraging our own expression.

In **PE**, we will be learning about: Football and Dance

We will be focusing on the skills of dribbling, passing and defensive strategies, working with Borehamwood Football Club. We will be having dance with Loco Dance School.

In **science**, our project is: Forces and Space

Our big question is: Does the size of a parachute affect the time it takes to fall to the ground?

As scientists, we will:

- *Understand what friction is.
- *Explore air resistance and plan and carry out an experiment to support this exploration.
- * Explore water resistance and plan and carry out an experiment to support this exploration.
- *Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night

In **geography**, our topic is: Mexico

Our big question is: Where is Mexico and what is it like?

As geographers, we will be:

- *Identifying Mexico on a world map.
- *Looking at its natural and man-made features, and how these are used.
- *Exploring its climate and landscape and understand how these impact people's lives in Mexico.

In **PSCHE**, we will be learning about: Being me in my world.

We will be looking at the year ahead and discussing our responsibilities as Year 5 students and developing and owning our learning charter.



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In **computing**, our project is: Coding

We will be simulating a physical system and exploring different functions.

In **French**, our project is: Portraits

We will be focusing on words that describe ourselves, namely using adjectives and knowing masculine and feminine forms.

In **music**, our topic is: Composition notation

We will be learning that pictures can be used to represent the structure of music, to explore tempo and pitch to express emotion.

General information

School doors open at 8.45am and school finishes at 3.15pm.

Please provide your child with a water bottle (clearly named) and a healthy snack for morning break (no nut products or chocolate/crisps).

Children must wear correct uniform to school which can be found here: https://www.shenleyprimary.co.uk/_site/data/files/migrated/school-uniform/school-uniform-2024-25-website.pdf

PE days are Tuesday and Friday

Forest School day is Thursday

The link to see what lunch is available each day is <https://www.shenleyprimary.co.uk/pupils-choice-menu>

Dates for your diary

Shenley apple tasting: Tuesday 16th September

Year 5 Stay and Learn: Thursday 2nd October

Homework

Homework is set on Friday and due in the following Thursday. Please encourage and support your child to complete the homework activities in their homework book. Copies of homework will be available on class dojo. Children should read for at least 20 minutes each day and sign their reading journal.

Useful websites

Times Tables Rock Stars: <https://trockstars.com/>

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>