



Year 5 Autumn 1 English

Writing and Reading

Writing

This half term, we will be using the book 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty in both reading and English lessons. During this unit of work, learners will have the opportunity to write a diary entry from the point of view of the main character, Jim. We will also be reading the fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel by the Brothers Grimm and writing our own version.

Grammar

- consolidate the grammar taught in year 4
- how to use a variety of sentence openers
- fronted adverbials
- subordinating conjunctions
- use commas correctly.

Reading

- asking questions to improve our understanding
- developing our vocabulary
- using PEE (Point, Evidence, Explain) approach to make inferences and justify them
- discussing author's use of language
- considering the historical and social contexts of texts
- drawing inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justifying inferences with evidence
- exploring dilemmas and emphasising with characters

Handwriting

This half term, we will continue to focus on ensuring the children are using continuous cursive, with daily handwriting practice, which will involve exploring the different joins.

Spelling and Vocabulary

The children will be learning:

- Rules and patterns with spellings containing the suffixes -ious, -cious, -cial and -tial.
- How to develop their range of vocabulary with daily vocabulary training.

How you can help

- Ensure your child is reading for at least 10 minutes every day.
- Listen to your child read as often as possible and talk about the books that they are reading at home and in school.
- Help your child learn their weekly spellings.
- Ask your child about the new vocabulary they have learnt.