

# Courtney Primary Topic Sheet – Gert Lush – What makes Bristol brilliant?

Year 5 Term 4 2018-19 Teacher: Mrs Elmore

## English

Our work this term will focus on Malorie Blackman's brilliant and incredibly moving text, "Pig Heart Boy."

We will be continuing our work on reported speech and how this differs from direct speech. This will allow us to make our writing more varied, with opportunities to create and control more complex plots. In addition, we will be working on linking paragraphs and using tense consistently and appropriately.

Finally, our guided reading will focus on note taking, distinguishing between fact and opinion and using evidence to back up our argument in debates.

## Maths

After such brilliant work last term, we will now be making links between fractions, percentages and decimals.

This will include working with fractions up to 3 decimal places and finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

Once we are secure with the place value of decimals, we will then begin to add, subtract, multiply and divide with them. Our aim is to increase speed and accuracy with our fluency across all areas of calculation.

As always there is a whole school focus on developing our children's reasoning and problem solving skills.

## Science

Our topic in science is 'Animals including Humans.' We'll be getting to grips with the circulatory system and how blood pumps round the body.

The children will be learning about the three main parts of the circulatory system and what the function of each one is.

In order to build on this further, we will then investigate the effect of exercise, diet, drugs and alcohol on the body systems.

We will finally look at how nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

## RE

Our question for this term is "What would Jesus do? How can we live by his example in modern society?"

We'll learn about the stories and parables that can be found in the bible, analysing their teachings and their relevance today. This is the second term we have spent on this topic.

## Special Events

This term has a few special events lined up which will be really exciting! These are:

**Week 4:** Poetry Week (Whole School) – including poetry slams and competitions

**Week 6:** DT week (Whole School) – including WOW event, construction and testing

## Geography

Our geography work will focus on Bristol and how it has changed over time – we'll be using a brilliant app called "Know your Place" as a starting point. We will use our knowledge of physical and human geography to then read and build our own maps of the local area, focusing on the use of key symbols and instructions.

## Music

In music this term we will be focusing on the topic "Listening". This will include exploring how different music can make us feel, how music has changed over time and how to identify and add different 'layers' of a song.

## Art

In art, we will be looking at Bristol's infamous street artist, Banksy. We will then be using stencilling to create our own pieces of art. In addition, we have a very exciting visit from a local artist who will teach us more about spray painting and different techniques.

## PSHE

In PSHE we will be following a scheme of work called "Jigsaw" which focuses on 6 key themes. This term we will be thinking about "Healthy Me"

Our Courtney Crown Value this term is "We take responsibility for ourselves and do the right thing even when it's difficult." This will also feed into our weekly circle times.

## PE

As a school we follow the "Real PE" scheme of work which focuses on building up core skills and applying them in games. On Wednesdays the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith, our sports coach. They will also have another session on a Monday, either with myself or Mr Smith again.

If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up on these days, and that they can take out their earrings. All children should have suitable PE kit kept at school.

Dear Parents,

Over half way through the year – blimey! Where did that half-term holiday go?

We've got another busy term ahead and I'm really excited for all the things to come – in particular, our special Poetry and DT weeks in weeks 4 and 6 respectively.

To support your child with their learning, please encourage them to:

- read every day and remember to bring their reading book and reading diary to school every day – we are having a real push on this at the moment as some children are not reading as much as they should be
- learn their multiplication tables as part of our Multiplication Masters programme – lots of successes last term
- take opportunities to try out their maths and English as much as possible – telling the time, writing letters etc
- do their homework and hand it in on time! Homework will be given every Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday at the very latest.

It would help the children enormously if there are any parents or grandparents who are able to lend a hand in class – the children always absolutely love it when we have helpers in. If you could spare even 30 minutes at the start or end of the school day, or any other time, then please do get in touch – it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about what we will be learning then just let me know. Here's to a fabulous fourth term 😊  
Best wishes,

Mrs Elmore