



# Mersey Park Half Term Overview



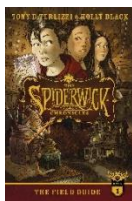
## Spring 2

### Year 5

#### Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be reading the Spiderwick Chronicles. Using this fantastic series of books, we will learn all about different descriptive techniques to make our writing interesting and fun to read. More importantly we will be attempting to build suspense for scary stories.

Alongside this we will begin to create 'faction' pieces where we will write all about the fantastical beast we will meet in the Spiderwick Chronicles to build up our non-chronological report writing skills.



#### Reading and Spelling

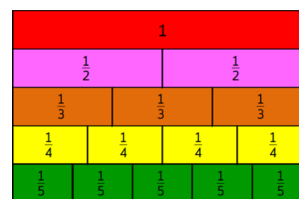
In our reading we will be focussing on the Spiderwick Chronicles and other similar extracts to learn how other authors describe scary beasts and build tension in their stories.

We will be learning these spelling patterns each week and we will be looking out for them in our reading books; /ie/ after 'c', /aw//o/ - ough, Possibility/frequency words We will also be looking for these common exception words; accompany, communicate, conscience, desperate, disastrous, interfere, nuisance, queue, restaurant, rhythm



#### Maths

We will be identifying, naming and writing equivalent fractions of a given fraction. We will also be converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa.



#### Foundation Subjects

Our topic this half term will be 'Our Natural World'. As geographers we will recap on world continents and identify them by their shape and distinguishing features. We will research natural disasters such as volcanoes and earthquakes. As well as this we will research biomes, climate zones and mountains around the world.

In PE we will be running, jumping and throwing in Athletics and in DT we will be designing and making our own water bottle carriers.

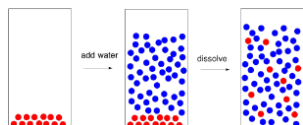


**natural disaster, biome, climate, man-made, natural**

#### Science

In science we will be learning all about Materials and their properties. We will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, response to magnets and electrical and thermal conductivity. We will give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular use of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic. We will learn about the separation techniques of filtering, sieving and evaporation.

**conductive, separation, sieve, evaporation, filtration**



#### Personal Development

To help our Year Five children develop as well rounded people, who are ready for the world around them, we will also be teaching our children life skills and this half term we will be focusing on the skills of presenting and debating. We will also discuss the important matter of Climate Change as part of our 'Our Natural World' topic. We will learn all about women who made a difference (in history and present day) and world Sport- heroes and villains.

