Great Gaddesden Church of England (VA) Primary School Year 5 & 6 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview (Cycle A)



English	Maths	RE
In English this half term, we will be using the text <i>The Man Who Walked Between Towers</i> to write biographies, news reports and persuasive speeches. We will also be using the text <i>The Promise by Nicola Davies</i> to write narrative poems and diary entries	 In Maths, we will be learning about the following areas: Place value, including numbers to 10,000,000 and rounding of numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 Addition & Subtraction, including numbers to 100,000 Multiplication & Division, including prime numbers, squared and cubed numbers, common factors and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 	Religion or World View Focus: Islam Our enquiry question this half term is: How does Tawhid create a sense of belonging to the Muslim community?
Science	Music	Computing
Our focus in Science lessons is 'Properties of Materials.' The Children will explore and test the properties of a variety of materials, explore electrical conductivity and plan and carry out a variety of scientific investigations based upon this theme.	Mrs Cresswell will be teaching year 5 and 6 music every 2 weeks on a Tuesday afternoon. She will be using the 'Sing Up' program and this half term's unit is called 'What shall we do with a drunken sailor'. As part of this unit, the children will learn some chords on the ukulele.	The children will begin the year learning about Computing systems and network communication. This will include an e-safety theme.
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PE	Art	Geography
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