



Spring Term 2025

Parents' Curriculum Information

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5)



English



Our class novels this term will be “Kensuke’s Kingdom” by Michael Morpurgo and “Malamander” by Thomas Taylor. English lessons will be based around these texts, allowing children the opportunity to write for a variety of purposes. Writing opportunities will include: a balanced argument, a newspaper report, a persuasive letter and a suspense narrative based on the work of an author. Statutory spelling and grammar objectives are taught both in specific mini lessons and within English lesson starters.

Reading continues to be fundamental to your child’s development, please encourage your child to read at home daily and record this in their yellow log. These are checked every day. Every 2 weeks your child will be invited to choose a book from the library to read and take home. Please ensure these are then returned so that a new book can be chosen. This term will also see the start of our current affairs presentations! Pupils will need to follow a news story that interests them and prepare a presentation to deliver to their class. More information and dates to follow.

Maths



Pupils are taught Maths in their classes daily, building on previous learning from last term. This term, we will be continuing to focus on times tables. Please support your child in learning their tables and developing instant recall, you could use Times Tables Rock Stars at home to support this. We will be studying multiplication and division; multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts; decimals to two decimal places (relating these to percentages and fractions, looking at the relationship between them); statistics - drawing, reading and interpreting line graphs, tables and timetables. Children will have the opportunity to apply this knowledge to a range of problem solving activities and we will continue to explain our answers in detail, proving them where possible.



Science, History and Geography



Our topic for this term is ‘Our Changing World’ which is a geography-based unit. The children will be discovering some of the ways in which the world around them is changing. They will learn about the structure of the United Kingdom and how its’ shape and geography have changed over thousands of years.

In Science we will be looking at ‘Earth and Space’, where the children will learn about the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in solar system. The other science topic to be covered in this term is ‘Forces and Motion’ where the children will be focusing on the effects of different forces, including gravity and friction.



Computing and Online Safety



In our Online Safety lessons, we will learn about “Online Reputation”, searching for information about an individual online and summarising the information found. We will also be looking at “Health, Well-being and Lifestyle,” describing strategies, tools and advice to promote health and wellbeing with regards to technology. In computing lessons, we will look at programming where we will be writing algorithms using ‘Scratch’.



PSHE and RE



Our Year 5 PSHE units this term are “Dreams and Goals” and “Healthy Me.” We will explore our possible career choices and the steps we can take to achieve our ambitions. We will also be considering the dreams and goals of other young people in different cultures. As well as this, we will be learning about the importance of making healthy life choices and respecting and valuing our bodies. In RE, we will be looking at the religions of Judaism and Hinduism. Class Council will take place regularly in class, where pupils have a chance to discuss issues that they want taken to School Council.



PE



Pupils will have two PE lessons each week and must come into school wearing their PE kit. Lessons will be both inside and outside this term and it is important that pupils have shorts in order to use the large apparatus in gymnastics. These can be brought in your child’s school bag or worn underneath their jogging bottoms. Long hair must be tied back and pupils must remove all jewellery. Pupils must make sure that earrings are removed on specified PE days (Mondays and Fridays). Our PE lessons will cover Gymnastics and Fitness skills this half term, followed by Yoga and Dodgeball.



Art, Music and Design and Technology



In Art this term we will be exploring images from the “Space Race” Era of the 1950s and 60s. We will be experimenting and combining drawing and collagraph printmaking to produce a final image. In DT we will look at cooking a healthy meal and look at the nutritional differences between different recipes.

French lessons continue regularly, with School vocabulary, Telling the Time and Numbers to 60 being taught this term. In Music, brass and violin lessons will take place weekly. Pupils will also learn how to read musical notations and develop their general musicianship.

Please see the monthly newsletters from Mr Pettitt or the calendar on our school website to keep up with key dates and events for our Year Group.

Have a wonderful spring term!

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