



Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2026

Year 5



Please read this curriculum newsletter carefully, it explains what we will be covering this half term in all subjects.

(ABC) English

Speaking and Listening

This year, children will be encouraged to speak articulately and use a wide range of vocabulary whilst talking. There will be plenty of opportunities for the children to work in groups to develop their speech and language skills.

Reading

Over the course of this half term, the children in year 5 will be exposed to different types of literature including fictions and non-fiction texts. We will be focusing upon developing children's prediction, inference and retrieval skills along with exposing them to new vocabulary. Our chosen book is Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.

Writing

During the first half of this half term, the children will be focusing on modal verbs, formal vocabulary and persuasive skills to take part in a debate and to write a balanced argument. They will then use their imaginative skills to write an alternative ending for the story Holes.



Maths

This half term in Maths, the children will be learning about fractions. Skills we will be mastering include adding and subtracting fractions greater than 1, adding and subtracting to/from a mixed number and adding two mixed numbers. We will create 'fraction walls' to help us visualise which fractions are equivalent to each other. We will then be moving on to decimals and percentages, and area and perimeter. We will include lots of real-life examples, for instance, we may look at the perimeter of our classroom!



Science

In Science, we will be exploring Forces. We will be looking at key vocabulary terms such as gravity, air resistance, and friction. We will practically explore these terms by taking part in experiments, such as testing which surface is the best for a car, which shape of boat is best for travelling on water, and we will ensure we are looking at what makes a fair test.



Geography

In Geography our new topic, linked to physical geography is Biomes. In this topic, children will describe and understand the features of biomes, as well as identifying different biomes using a map. Children will describe the physical features of a rainforest and desert biome. The human impacts on both these biomes will be discussed and debated.



Art

The new Art unit starting this half term is Islamic Art. Children will explore the various shapes and patterns used in Islamic Art and consider why they might be used on buildings. They will look at different types of Islamic Art such as, Calligraphy, Arabesque and Geometry. Towards the end of the unit, children will design and create an Islamic Art drawing of their own.



Music

Following the Charanga Scheme of work, children will learn how to explore time signatures. This will involve children developing a knowledge of rhythmic patterns in music, as well as recognising and improvising to music with different time signatures, such as 4/4 time and 3/4 time. At the end of the unit, the children will practise, deliver and critique an ensemble performance.



RE

In RE this half term, children will be learning about Islam and more specifically, Hajj. They will discuss pilgrimage and the purpose of participating in this journey. Lessons will include both discussions and task that will allow children to share ideas and show their understanding of Islamic traditions.



PSHE

PSHE lessons will see the children continue to participate in peace circles in class and engage in class discussions. We will be reading a text called 'Mixed' which aims to help children understand what discrimination looks like and how we can ensure we show tolerance and acceptance of everyone in our communities, regardless of backgrounds or ethnicity. We then move on to learning about inner peace, what this means and why it is important for a positive mindset and wellbeing.



PE

In PE the children are continuing with their swimming up until half term, the lessons will continue to be on Wednesdays, please remember to send swimming kit on these days.



Computing

This half term in Computing we will be continuing with our unit digital fluency. This will involve developing our skills to help us get better at using a computer. We will have a go at activities such as: touch-typing, saving images, and inserting and deleting rows/columns in a table.



French

Continuing to use the language scheme, "Language Angels", our new unit for this half term is "As- tu un animal?" (Do you have a pet?). The children will learn how to say different pet names in French, as well as saying what pets they have and don't have. They will also learn how to use the conjunctions "et" (and) and "mais" (but) accurately when speaking and writing about pets in French.

Key dates:

Key dates will be shared on dojo as soon as they are available.

Key information: Swimming kits required for weekly swimming lessons – Wednesdays.