Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026

Year 5

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



English

Speaking and Listening: The children have learnt about active listening and how important it is to look at the speaker and use positive body language to show respect. Children are working hard to show their listening by building upon what others have said.

Reading : This term we are reading the novel: The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf. The children are deepening their understanding how to retrieve meaning from the text by 'wring it out.' We are also using this technique to support their prediction and summarising. We continue to work on inference as it is tricky.

Writing: We are going to be writing some interesting diary entries and thrilling adventure stories. For this, we are going to be focusing on sentence structure and punctuation. We are going to ensure that these essential skills are embedded so that their creativity can then flourish.



Maths

In maths this term, we will be looking mainly at number, focusing on the place value of numbers (up to 1,000,000), addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will practise a variety of methods to do so, before we finish the term with Statistics, looking at line graphs, tables and timetables.



Science

Our Science topic for this term is 'Properties and Changes'. We will be looking at whether materials can dissolve, whether they conduct heat and electricity, and how we might group different materials. We will become experts at working scientifically, and will focus on making observations over time.

 **Geography** This half term we will look at 'Global Mapping', where we will be able to locate and map out countries and capital cities by looking at the hemispheres, we will then be able to define the longitude and latitude of the countries. We will also be able to have a discussion around which countries are the origin of specific natural resources.	 **Art** Our Art topic is William Morris. The children will be exploring the work of William Morris and recreating some of his most well-known pieces. They will discuss how and why his pieces were used in so many homes during the Industrial Revolution. Children will finish the topic by creating a block using an etching tool, with which they will print a repeated pattern in the style of William Morris.
 **Music** We will be focusing on key vocabulary such melody (or a tune). We will also explore the voices that sing the melodies and the instruments used within the music in this unit to create the harmonies and work out whether we can hear the difference.	 **RE** We are focusing on Buddhism, carrying on from the end of year 4. Specifically looking at 'why Buddhists try to be good' and looking more in depth at the Dharma (The four noble truths, the eight-fold path and more!)
 **PSHE** This half term, we are looking at 'Being Me In My World.' We are going to be looking at our rights, who is responsible to upholding our rights and who protects us. Children will learn about leadership and how they can be leaders; they will explore how to work democratically, showing tolerance and acceptance towards others.	 **PE** This term we are looking at basketball and dance. The children will learn how to fully participate in a game of basketball with a full understanding of all the rules and how to score. In dance the children will learn the full routine and moves to a Bollywood dance and a line dance.
 **Computing** This term, we will be exploring E-safety, and will investigate ways we can stay safe online. We will look at which people we can tell if we have a concern about something, and focus on how we might keep our identities safe on laptops and iPads.	 **French** We will be exploring Phonics this term, and will be focusing on using an accent with the letter 'e'. We will be playing games to help us explore this topic, and will be using all our previous knowledge to help us explore this topic.
Key dates: We will update you on key dates for this half term on Class DoJo.	**Key information:** PE is on a Monday and Friday. Reading books will be changed weekly.