



Year 5 Curriculum Overview – Summer 1 2025

English

Pupils will continue to develop their understanding and use of conveying information through the use of expanded noun phrases and relative clauses. They will also develop their understanding of modal verbs, parenthesis and dialogue. Children will study gothic fiction, studying the style of the author 'Chris Riddell', before analysing how to create effective characters and settings and how to create a sense of tension within their writing for the reader.

Maths

Pupils will begin the new half term learning how to measure angles by using a protractor, before calculating angles around a point and on a straight line. Following this, they will explore reading and plotting coordinates, before moving onto learning about translation. They will end the half term by learning about lines of symmetry and reflecting shapes in horizontal and vertical lines.

Guided Reading texts – Hacker by Malorie Blackman and Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver

Science

Pupils will learn about forces and their effects. They will study: gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance in detail. Pupils will conduct a variety of different investigations to explore each force, before using forces to analyse everyday situations and the forces which are present.

They will have the opportunity to make predictions and discuss how we can ensure that we conduct fair tests with our investigations before analysing our results.

Humanities – History

This half term, pupils will study the ancient civilisation of The Mayans. They will gain an understanding of where ancient Maya sits within the history of the world, before looking at detail at some Mayan cities and describing the features within them. We will explore the challenges that the Maya faced when they settled in the rainforest, before evaluating the reasons for the civilisations demise.

Art and Design

Pupils will be given opportunities to develop skills in creating interesting portrait drawing using words, experimenting with a range of materials and techniques. They will construct self-portraits that represent aspects of themselves. In this unit, pupils will have to think really hard about the composition of their work by making thoughtful decisions about composition and colour use.

Computing

Pupils will be creating a 19th century animation, before planning an animation on a storyboard. They will then explore stop motion animations, before editing them.

Spanish

This half term, pupils will learn to answer the question- '¿Tienes una mascota? We will focus on using the correct pronunciation and making sure that pupils can select the correct form of an adjective to ensure that it agrees with the noun.

Music

This half term, the pupils will be transported to South and West Africa. They will learn a tradition song and how to use the correct pronunciation when singing, before they learn complicated rhythms. Pupils will need to focus on staying in time and listening, while they play, to ensure that they rest and the correct times.

RE

Pupils will learn 'Who should get to be in charge?'. They will explore how leaders can be chosen for their leadership characteristics within a variety of different religions. Pupils will explore the use of symbols and how this can portray messages about the type of leader that people want to be perceived as being.

PE

Pupils will be learning further developing their tennis skills from Year 4. They will develop racket techniques, including a volley. 5A will also be learning how to use different techniques when they run and how these differ depending on the type of running which is required. 5B will be attending swimming lessons for the summer term.

PSHE

Pupils will continue to discuss economic and social decisions they will start to make as they move towards adolescence. Topics such as laws and parliament, budgeting, how to contribute opinions with others and contributing to a community will be focused upon.

Assembly Themes

Children will learn about the value of **self-belief** this half term through our assemblies. They will also learn about May Day traditions and the Buddhist festival Vesak.