



Year 5 Curriculum Overview Spring Term 1 2025

English

Pupils will begin this half term's learning by focusing on vocabulary choices. We will then return to studying persuasive techniques and linguistic features used within persuasive formal letters. Pupils will use the narrative 'Front desk' as inspiration to write a persuasive letter of their own. At the end of the half term, pupils will study a non-fiction unit. They will be able to conduct research about a migrating animal, before writing their very own report about their chosen animal for a class book!

Maths

Pupils will begin the new year by learning about the short (multiplying by a 1 digit number) and long (multiplying by a 2 or larger digit number) formal written methods. They will be applying their times table knowledge to accurately divide larger numbers by a 1 digit number. Pupils will also begin to deepen their understanding of fractions by considering equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and converting between an improper and mixed fraction.

Guided reading texts - Holes by L.Sachar/Street Child by Berlie Doherty

Science

Pupils will study Earth and Space, this half term. They will begin by comparing different models of our solar system, before describing the movement and shapes of the celestial bodies within our Solar System. We will learn about the phases of the moon and record our results within a table. Pupils will then research the causes of day and night and the seasons and show their knowledge by drawing a diagram to explain their knowledge. We will end the unit by making a sundial to be able to tell the time.

Humanities

Pupils will be studying 'What did the Greeks ever do for us'. They will look at where the period of the Ancient Greeks fits into the history of the world, before researching Athenian democracy and how it worked. Pupils will compare Athens and Sparta and identify similarities and differences between the two. They will be introduced to Greek philosophers and think about how they influence our world today. We will end the unit by looking at the achievements of the Ancient Greeks.

Art and Design

Pupils will be learning about the 'Space race' in 1960/70s and how this influenced drawing, architecture and popular culture at the time. Pupils will be exposed to a variety of drawing techniques and mediums to inspire them to create their own futurism piece at the end of the unit. Artists such as Teis Albers, who uses print, will also be studied during this half term.

Computing

Pupils will identify the types of data which the Mars rover could collect, before explaining how it transmits data back to Earth. We will also begin to look at binary numbers.

Spanish

Pupils will be learning how to say where they live. We will begin by learning how to ask and answer the question 'Where do you live?' We will learn how to listen to spoken Spanish and how to pick out the key information to understand what is said, before learning how to write a short paragraph to introduce ourselves.

Music

This half term, pupils will be thinking about compositions and how they can represent colour. We will be focusing on the religious festival of Holi to inspire us. We will begin by identifying colours represented, before we create a vocal composition which is based on a picture. At the end of the unit, we will perform a piece of music as a group.

RE

As part of their religious education, pupils will begin to interpret different sources of wisdom and beliefs about what happens when we die. They will learn about the beliefs of a variety of religions from across the world, including Dia de los Muertos in Mexico.

PE

Pupils will spend their outdoor PE lessons developing their football skills. They will begin by learning how to use passing the ball in order to create opportunities for their team. In addition to football, pupils from 5A will develop their swimming abilities whilst 5B will focus on dance.

PSHE

Pupils will be participating in discussions about staying safe online, before exploring how their bodies will be changing as they go through puberty. We will discuss both the physical and emotional changes which happen during this time.

Assemblies: Children will learn about the value of **honesty** this half term through our assemblies. They will also learn about the significance of The Chinese New Year and how to be safe on the internet. Classes 5A, 4B and 2B will be performing their class assemblies to parents and their peers during this half term.