



Year 5 Curriculum Overview Spring Term 1 2026

English

Pupils will begin this half term's learning by focusing on vocabulary choices. We will then read a faraway fiction narrative called 'Cloud Tea Monkeys', before using this as a basis for our very own faraway fiction narrative. 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 - The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce and Old Possums Book of Practical Cats by T.S Eliot

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

Pupils will study how life was during the Tudor times. They will consider whether Henry VIII was a fair ruler or a tyrant, before researching reasons for Anne Boleyn's execution. Throughout this unit of work, pupils will use a variety of sources to be able to infer information about the character of Henry VIII and his relationships with his wives. We will end our study by examining inventories from the Tudor period of history and discussing how these are useful for historians.

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 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, 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

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.

