



# Year 5 Curriculum Overview Spring Term 1 2024

## English

Pupils will develop their understanding and use of adverbials to add cohesion to their writing. They will focus upon a variety of techniques to enhance imagery in their writing as well as continuing to consolidate their previous learning. They will study the genre of Faraway Stories, studying a range of plays written by famous playwright, William Shakespeare, and end the term by studying the themes and techniques of poet, Joseph Coelho.

## 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 - There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by L.Sachar/Street Child by Berlie Doherty**

## Science - Physics

### Magnetism

Pupils will begin to understand the differences between a contact and non-contact force and will be able to give examples of each by the end of the half term. They will then study the force of magnetism in more detail and will continue to develop their knowledge and skills of working scientifically by carrying out a number of magnetism investigations throughout the unit.

## Humanities

Pupils will study Medieval Monarchs starting with the Battle of Hastings. They will consider what makes a 'good' or 'bad' king by studying historical evidence. Pupils will learn about the Domesday Book and the events leading to the death of Thomas Becket. Through the unit, they will focus upon the reigns of William I, Henry II, Richard I and John. They will develop their skills in debate and use facts to consolidate their opinion on who was the greatest medieval monarch.

## Art and Design

### Futurism drawing

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.

## French

Pupils will be learning how to conjugate regular verbs. They will learn the terminology and patterns involved in regular whole verb conjugation. They will explore pronouns and learn how verbs can be split into three categories using this knowledge to look at verb stems and endings.

## Music

### How does music improve our world?

This half term, pupils will be discussing how music can improve or benefit someone's life and culture. Children will listen to and appraise a selection of songs as well as continue to develop their skills on the glockenspiel. They will continue to develop their understanding of the musical elements of tempo, pulse and pitch.

## RE

As part of their religious education, pupils will begin their study of Sikhism. Pupils will learn about the beliefs and moral values upheld by Sikhs as well as listen to and evaluate a range of traditional Sikh stories and evaluate their importance and relevance to religious and non-religious believers in today's society.

## PE

Pupils will spend their outdoor PE lessons developing their tag rugby skills. They will begin by learning how to pass the ball in order to create opportunities for their team. In addition to tag rugby, pupils from 5A will develop their swimming abilities whilst 5B will focus on problem solving and team work.

## PSHE

Pupils will be continuing their discussions on how to stay healthy and happy. Healthy eating, staying safe in heat and online safety will be focused upon. Through roleplay, scenario cards and class discussions, pupils will consider the benefits and risks of communicating through modern technology.

**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, 5B and 4B will be performing their class assemblies to parents and their peers during this half term.

