

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 5 – Spring Term 1 2026

English

During our English session this term, we will be exploring a range of text types including:

- Biography - Myths
- Instructional texts
- Descriptive writing

We will be reading the story 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver and writing our own narrative, letter of advice, information text and instructions.

Additionally, your child will take part in guided reading activities daily using a range of different, exciting texts where they will be expected to apply a range of reading skills.

Further to this, we will also continue to engage with our 'Let's Think in English' units to support deeper thinking skills and strategies.

Maths

Our daily maths sessions and mental maths this half term will include:

Multiplication and division

- Multiply up to 4 digits by 1 & 2 digits
- Divide up to 4 digits by 1 & 2 digits

Fractions

- Add and subtract fractions
- Multiply a unit fraction/non-unit fraction by an integer
- Multiply a mixed number by an integer
- Calculate a fraction of quantity

Perimeter and Area

- Finding the area of rectangles and of compound shapes.

Greeks

Other Information

PE Days – Our PE sessions will be inside on Thursdays and outside on Fridays. Please check that the children have suitable clothing for all weathers and that all items are named clearly. It is important your child has their P.E kit in school every day due to potential timetable changes.

Water Bottles - Drinking water regularly, throughout the day, hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school and that it is taken home and cleaned on a regular basis.

Reading Books - Your child will have access to book banded books and library books. We will endeavor to change these regularly with the children. Library day is on a Friday. Book logs need to be handed in on a Monday. Thank you.

Home learning

Children will have a selection of tasks to complete over a series of weeks. They will need to complete a certain number of tasks to achieve 20 points, however they will have a choice over which activities to choose.

Reading

Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week and complete a page of their reading journal. This supports their vocabulary and fluency reading skills and promotes a love for reading.

Times Tables

Children who aren't yet fluent in their multiplication tables will need to practise at home and will be given further support in school. Time Table Rockstars is a fantastic way to practise at home.

Spelling Shed

Log in to Spelling Shed and complete the tasks set by your teacher. It is important you practise your spellings and engage with the games.

Our learning during this unit will include....

History

In History, we will be studying the Ancient Greeks. We will look at written evidence and artefacts in order to find out what life was like in ancient Greek times.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at creating new substances. The children will be investigating states of matter and how they change. They will be looking at reversible and irreversible changes.

Computing

In Computing, we will be exploring filming techniques, creating video content, importing video content and editing.

PE

In PE, we will be focussing on Goal ball and Tennis.

RE

We will be learning about the Hindu festival of Holi (devotion) and the Christian Eucharist (symbol).

Art

In Art, we will be exploring clay. We will be making a Greek vase linked to our history unit.

Music

We will be listening and responding to music about Frozen lands. The children will be creating their own melodies about frozen lands and mountains.

Spanish

We will continue to learn key vocabulary and phrases related to recycling and the environment.

PSHE

We will be continuing with our My Happy Minds programme which will focus on the theme of Appreciate. Its central focus is on understanding the importance of gratitude and developing a lifelong habit of thankfulness.