

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 5 – Spring Term 2 2025

English

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

- Thrilling stories
- Wanted posters
- Fantasy character description
- Sports commentaries

We will continue reading the story 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver and writing our own narrative and exciting sports commentary. We will be writing a sports commentary. We will also be reading the fantasy book 'Fantastic Beasts' and will be creating our own descriptions and wanted posters for mythical creatures. Additionally, your child will take part in guided reading activities daily using a range of different texts where the children 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:

Number, decimals and percentages

- Decimals up to 2 decimal places
- Equivalent fractions and decimals (tenths/hundredths)
- Thousandths as fractions/decimals
- Thousandths on a place value chart
- Order and compare decimals up to 3 decimal places
- Round to the nearest whole number/to 1 decimal place
- Percentages as fractions and decimals
- Equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

Perimeter and area

- Perimeter of rectangular, rectilinear shapes and polygons
- Area of rectangles and compound shapes
- Estimate area

Volcanoes

Other Information

Year 5 production

We will be working on our musical production called "Going for Gold" We will be performing this on Wednesday 20th March.

PE Days – Our PE sessions will be outside on a Monday and inside on Thursdays. Please check that 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 Thursday.

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. Reading journals are checked on a Monday and Thursday.

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. Times 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:

Science - In science, we will be activating our prior knowledge with the concept of the month, this month being seasons and geology; classifying rocks.

Computing - In Computing, we will be continuing to work at understanding and creating flat file databases.

PE - During PE, we will be focussing on orienteering and continue to build on our handball skills. In orienteering sessions, we will be learning how to navigate around a designated area using appropriate equipment.

Geography - Our geography topic this term is volcanoes. We will be looking at specific volcanoes and how they compare. We will also be finding out how people live near volcanoes.

RE - We will be learning about the Christian Eucharist (symbol).

PSHE – This term's key question is - How can drugs common to everyday life (including smoking/vaping – nicotine, alcohol, caffeine and medicines) affect health. Happy Minds project – new this term!

Music - The children will continue to listen to a range of compositions and create their own palindrome music using a graphic score.

Spanish: We will be learning key vocabulary and phrases related to clothes and routines.

Design and technology – This half term, the children will be learning about different cams and how they can make different movements within machines.