

Autumn term 2025



Year 5

Year 5 will be taught by Miss Wright supported by Mrs Houghton.

English

Our work in English will focus on diary writing, narratives and report texts. We will also explore and write a range of poetry. There will be a strong emphasis on grammar, paragraphs, sentence structure and appropriate use of punctuation. Much of our comprehension, guided reading and writing work will focus around our whole class texts: 'Street child' by Berlie Doherty and '12 minutes to midnight' by Christopher Edge.

Maths

The focus for this term will be to develop greater confidence and fluency in place value and number. We will also explore some wider areas of the curriculum, such as shape and measure, which will consolidate our understanding of number even further. We will apply all our learning to a range of problems and puzzles. We will also continue to develop our mental strategies and arithmetic alongside our written Maths.

Science

Our Science topics for this term are 'Forces' and 'Earth and Space'. We will learn about the forces acting on and around us and will carry out a range of investigations to explore these different forces. We will then explore the planets in our Solar System, including the concepts of orbit and rotation.

RE

We will begin by exploring how Christians live their lives, before investigating why Christians view Jesus as the Messiah.

History

This half term, our history topic will be focused on the Victorians. We will spend time comparing life in the present with the Victorian Era and reflecting on the similarities. By the end of the unit, we will have researched school life in the Victorian Era and be able to give our opinion about how children were treated. After the half-term break, we will explore the Industrial Revolution and how Britain changed during this time.

PSHE

We will be focussing on relationships and building communication skills in the first half term. Our focus for Autumn 2 will be on valuing differences and developing tolerance and respect for others in our community.

Music

Children will learn to describe the effect of different combinations of pitched notes. They will learn to sing a round in three parts and accompany it with a three note chord (triad). Children will learn to create a class performance through practice and rehearsal.

Art

In the second half term, we will explore typography and how this is used to create maps, fonts and 3-D letters. Alongside this, we will explore different drawing skills and techniques which are used by the artist Louise Fili. Throughout our art topic, we will be developing our reflection skills to make sure we are constantly evaluating our work.

Design & Technology

In the first half term, we will be focusing on structures in DT and how to make a sturdy, waterproof shelter. We will spend time researching the designer Gustav Eifel and evaluate his famous structures and decide what made them successful. By the end of the unit, we will have created a structure suitable for a Victorian building.

Computing

We will use ICT across the curriculum. We will learn about e-safety and what it means to be sceptical. We will also develop our video production skills by using different apps and editing our clips.

PE

Children will be taught PE by the PE coach every Wednesday and this will cover Fun and Fitness in the first half term. Mrs Rush will teach PE every Monday, when the focus will be on football and rugby skills, including passing, kicking and dribbling.



French

We will focus on the topics of 'on Holiday' and 'eating out' as we develop simple conversations using a wider range of vocabulary.



Helpful information:

PE – full kit is needed on Monday and Wednesday.

Please ensure that children have an outdoor PE kit (tracksuit and trainers) in school. Earrings must be removed.

Music lessons (guitar & woodwind) – Tuesday lunchtime

Homework:

- Reading – At least three times a week (including an activity when a book is finished)

Reading books given on a Friday and must be returned by the following Thursday.

- English/Maths – Given on a Friday and must be returned on the following Friday.
- Spelling Shed – At least three games per week.
- TT Rockstar's – At least 3 games per week