

Year five Autumn Term 1 2025 Curriculum Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a fabulous summer. We have an exciting year of learning ahead and I look forward to getting to know you and your child more over the course of the year.

Staffing

The support staff that Year 5 will share this year are Mrs Spoerry, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Armitage. Mrs Armitage will also be teaching Year 5 on Wednesday afternoons. French will be taught by Madame Vert and PE taught by Fisical.



Forest School

Forest School will start on the 15th of September every Monday afternoon until the half term break. We will be walking down to Middleton woods, where we will have lunch when we arrive. All children will need to bring a packed lunch – no glass bottles, fizzy drinks or food containing nuts please. The children will be outside in the woods all afternoon and need to come to school in appropriate clothing. This should include long trousers and long sleeves to protect arms and legs. We will be going in all but extreme weather, so please ensure that your child brings waterproofs/coat and suitable

footwear. The children will need to be collected from the Lido car park at 3pm. If this causes a problem or if you are able to help with lifts, please let us know.

Topic

This term Year 5 and 6 are learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. We will be exploring the following questions:

Culture – Where did the Anglo-Saxons and Scots come from and why Britain?

Stories – What is Sutton Hoo?

Legacies – How did the Anglo-Saxons change Britain?

Individuals – Who is Beowulf?

Belief – What did the Anglo-Saxons believe?



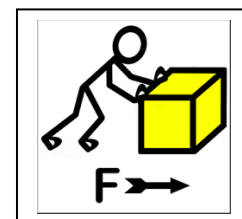
English

Our first weeks will be based around a short video called 'The Girl and the Fox.' This will spark us to write a newspaper report and will include some grammar on modal verbs and adverbs. Following on from this we will start our book 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom,' a funny book about a boy and his naughty antics at school...!



Maths

This half term we will learn some more Roman Numerals and numbers up to 1 million. We will be embedding place value and develop our ability to round numbers. After this we will move on to our unit of addition and subtraction, particularly working on formal methods of calculations.



Science

Our topic for science this half term is Forces. We will be looking at friction, air resistance, gravity and water resistance.

PE

As we have both Forest school and swimming over the course of the year, we will only be doing PE once a week on Tuesday afternoons. This half term, we will be practising throwing and catching skills with a focus on Volleyball. Please remember to send your child in PE kit on Tuesdays.

French

The class will begin Year 5 learning how to ask and answer the question, 'How many are there?' drawing on Year 4 clothes and animals vocabulary. In answering the question, children will focus on how to form plural nouns in French. We will learn numbers 32 to 60 and begin to talk about where we live.



Music

The children will develop their understanding of rhythm and rhythmic notation. They will get to grips with time signatures, learning to 'feel' the difference between three and four beats in a bar. They will explore folk traditions and have fun creating and performing their own dances.

Art

We will be creating some of our own artwork in the style of Banksy.

RE

We will be asking the question, "How and why are Jewish festivals celebrated?"

HOME LEARNING:

- **Maths:** optional Maths homework which will reinforce the learning from the school week. This is handed out each Thursday and due in the following Thursday.
- **Reading:** Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible and ask questions to develop comprehensions skills. Please ask staff if you would like any help with this.
- **Half term project:** this will be handed out next week and will be due in December for a home learning gallery – all parents and carers invited.
- **The ½ termly Homework Sheets (English and Maths):** this will be handed out next week to help your child practise key facts and skills at home linked to the National Curriculum.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact any of the year 5 team.

Best wishes,
Year 5 team.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 16th September – Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 17th September – Individual School Photos
Harvest Festival TBC
Friday 24th October – End of half term
Monday 3rd November – Return to school