

Year Five Spring Term 2 2026

Curriculum Newsletter



27.2.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school - it is hard to believe that we are now already halfway through Year 5! Support in Year 5 continues to be Miss McCullough on Mondays and Tuesday mornings and Mrs Rockett Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings. The new class teacher who will be doing my maternity cover will start in Year 5 week beginning 16th March. More information regarding this will be sent out shortly.

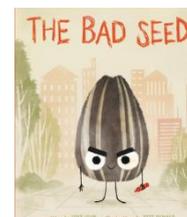
Topic

We will be finishing our work on rivers and moving on to learning about North America, with a specific focus on the USA.



English

We are continuing with *The Wanderer*. Based on this we will be planning and writing our own story about a journey across the ocean, hopefully incorporating all our fantastic descriptive writing that we have developed in our writing workshops. After this the class will move onto the text 'The Bad Seed.'



Maths

We are continuing with formal written methods of multiplication and division, specifically focusing on short and long multiplication and short division. After this we are coming back to fractions. We will be subtracting fractions and multiplying fractions by a whole number. We will also be finding fractions of an amount.

Science

Our unit of learning continues to be investigating **the properties of materials**. Still to cover is to:

- plan, investigate and evaluate an insulating heat experiment
- explore uses of everyday materials like plastic, wood and metal

We will also be doing some fun STEM activities in class linked to British Science Week.



PE

We will now be swimming every Monday morning until the end of the year. As a result, PE will only be once a week on Tuesday afternoons. Please remember to send your child in PE kit on **Mondays and Tuesdays**.



French

Continuing our theme of 'the family' and the use of the relative pronoun, 'qui', Year 5 will learn how to create longer sentences, drawing on verbs met in previous lessons, such as 's'appeler' (to be called) and 'habiter' (to live). Time will also be devoted to using a bilingual dictionary.

Art

The class will continue creating some cave art using charcoal.

Computing

We will continue with our Digital Literacy Week project of making a news report with a background. After this we will go back to coding.

Music

We will continue with creative listening activities where the children will learn to represent expressive features of music in graphic score and then use musical vocabulary to describe their creations.



PSHE

Our PSHE lessons are all about communicating safely with others (both online and offline). This includes knowing when a friendship is making us feel unsafe or uncomfortable and what to do in these situations, understanding the meaning of consent and being aware of the benefits and risks of social media, including what should and shouldn't be shared with others online.

HOME LEARNING:

- **Maths**: this is optional homework which will reinforce the learning from the school week. Homework day is a **Wednesday**. Homework will be self-marked and then new homework handed out first thing.
- **Reading**: Please encourage your child to read as often as possible and to record what they have read in their reading record. Reading aloud to an adult is still beneficial for all levels of readers in KS2. Reading records will be checked every **Wednesday**.
- **Half term project**: this is an optional project which is due in on **Wednesday 18th March** for a home learning gallery – all parents and carers invited.
- **½ termly homework sheets for English and Maths**: these will be handed out next week to help your child practise key facts and skills at home.

As always, if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues regarding your child's learning or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact any of the year 5 team.

Best wishes,
Year 5 team

Dates for Your Diary

- **World Book Day 5.3.26**
- **Class treat to Clip 'n Climb 6.3.26**
- **Parents consultations 10.3.26 and 12.3.26**
- **Year 5/6 trip to Nell Bank 12.3.26**
- **Home learning Gallery 18.3.26**
- **PTA Film Night 4:30pm 24.3.26**
- **Carnival Art Day PM 25.3.26**
- **End of term 27.3.26**

