

# Year 5 Curriculum 2026–27

In Year 5, your child will follow the National Curriculum, enriched through our connected and creative approach to learning. Our curriculum is carefully planned to build on prior knowledge, develop independence, and deepen understanding across all subjects. Learning is delivered through engaging topics, high-quality texts and purposeful experiences, ensuring children are well prepared for the demands of Upper Key Stage 2. Below is a summary of the key areas of learning your child will encounter throughout the year.

## Maths

In Year 5, a strong emphasis is placed on developing confidence and fluency in number. Children will extend their understanding of place value, the four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages. They will apply these skills through work on measurement, area and perimeter, shape, position and direction, statistics and volume. Reasoning and problem solving are embedded throughout all lessons, enabling children to explain their thinking and apply maths to real-life contexts.

## English

English lessons are built around a rich range of high-quality texts, including *Beowulf*, *Young*, *Gifted* and *Black and The Brilliant Deep*. Children will develop their reading comprehension, vocabulary and oracy skills alongside writing for a wide range of purposes. These include myths and legends, diary entries, narratives, newspaper reports, biographies,

persuasive writing and information texts. There is a strong focus on sentence structure, paragraphing, formal and informal tone, and editing and improving written work.



## Religious Education

In Year 5, pupils follow The Vine and the Branches scheme alongside the new Catholic Religious Education Directory (RED). Through topics such as Creation and Covenant, Moses, David, Jesus – New Law and Salvation, children deepen their understanding of God's plan. Learning also includes the Holy Spirit, Confirmation, mission, and Dialogue and Encounter, including the study of Judaism through the Torah and Shema.

## Art and Design Technology

Art lessons focus on developing skills in drawing, shading, collage and expressive techniques, inspired by artists such as Anthony Gormley, Gaudí and R. S. Gardner. In Design and Technology, children will design, make and evaluate products such as Viking longboats, Native

American dreamcatchers and a local dish, learning about materials, construction and food provenance.

## Science

Science learning combines knowledge building with hands-on enquiry. Topics include Properties and Changes of Materials, Forces, Earth and Space, Living Things and their Habitats, and Animals including Humans. Children will develop their working scientifically skills through observing, testing, measuring, recording data, drawing conclusions and using secondary sources to support learning.



## History and Geography

Our topic-based curriculum provides meaningful contexts for historical and geographical learning. In the Autumn term, children will study *Invasions and Settlements*, focusing on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. In Spring, they will explore *What's Special About North America?*, developing skills in physical and human geography. During the Summer term, pupils will learn about *The History of Home*, focusing on Ellesmere Port and the local area.

## Computing

Through computing, children will develop digital literacy and problem-solving skills. Learning includes coding, word processing, databases, 3D modelling, game creation, spreadsheets and concept mapping. Online safety is revisited regularly to ensure children know how to use technology responsibly and safely.

## Music

All children will take part in weekly ukulele lessons, developing technical skill, musical understanding and performance confidence. They will learn to listen carefully, compare different styles of music and maintain their own part when performing alongside others.

## PSHE and RSE

Personal, social and emotional development is supported through the *My Happy Mind* programme and *Journey in Love*. These sessions help children develop resilience, empathy, self-awareness and respectful relationships, supporting their wellbeing and personal growth.

## Physical Education and Spanish

In PE, children will take part in a wide range of physical activities including gymnastics, dance, games, athletics, tennis and rounders. In Spanish, pupils will build on prior language learning by developing vocabulary, speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, alongside learning about Spanish culture and traditions.