

Have the courage to succeed

Our Class

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Music

As musicians, Year 5 students will embark on a fun introduction to instrumental playing by learning how to play the recorder reading simple musical notation and mastering the notes B, A, and G while performing together in unison as a class.



English

The children will be focusing firstly on the novel *The Butterfly Lion*, written by our class author Michael Morpurgo. In the second half term, the children will be focusing on the novel *The Boy who Biked the World*, written by Alastair Humphreys. The children will also explore a wide range of texts during our Whole Class Guided Reading sessions.

As writers, the children will be securing a range of sentence types in the context of our class novels, with a particular emphasis on grammar, punctuation, handwriting and spelling. They will develop their composition skills, through the process of planning, drafting, proofreading and editing.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, the children will build on their knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction. They will work with numbers up to 1,000,000 and develop their arithmetic and reasoning skills.

The children will be using concrete resources and pictorial and abstract representations to extend their maths skills. They will have weekly arithmetic sessions focusing on calculation and fluency. In the second half term, the children will be continuing to broaden their knowledge of multiplication and division, focusing on prime numbers, square and cube numbers and factors. After this, the children will then move on to understanding fractions, looking at how to recognise equivalent fractions, compare and order fractions and convert them into improper fractions and mixed

numbers.

Computing

The children will be developing their confidence and independence in using Google Docs for word processing. The children will explore a range of core digital literacy skills. Y5 will also explore online safety during the autumn term, focusing on online reputation, image-sharing, self-image, and identity. They learn how to make responsible choices and protect their personal well-being in the



digital world.

French

As linguists, pupils will introduce themselves in French in the 'Je Me Presente' unit, sharing their name, age, nationality and where they live through simple conversations. As linguists, they will also master numbers up to 31, days of the week, and months to talk about the date and their birthdays.

Science

As scientists, the children will explore the states of matter focusing on the 'properties of materials', they will compare and group everyday materials based on properties such as hardness, solubility, transparency, and conductivity. In the second half term, the children will be focusing on changes of materials. They will develop their skills as they explore reversible processes such as dissolving, mixing, changes of state, and they will learn how substances can be separated through methods like evaporation and filtration.

P.E

As athletes, Year 5 children will explore fluid movement and agility by practicing parkour, learning to navigate obstacles safely through vaulting, jumping and landing techniques. They will also take to the court for tennis, developing key racket skills, hand-eye coordination and tactical understanding through rallying and dynamic match play.

R.E

As global citizens, we will learn about what Christians believe God is like. They will explore key texts from the Bible and learn how to use key vocabulary to describe the Christian view of God. In the second half of the term we will learn about how both Christians and Humanists express their values, seek meaning and navigate moral decisions in everyday life.

Special Events:

Black History Month in October.

Language Day - Monday 28th September

Anti-Bullying Week 2026 - 16th to 20th November

Geography fieldwork visit (dates TBC)



Relentless Routines.

PE: Both classes Friday

5NT swimming Thursday

Reading - 20 minutes each night.

Please comment on your child's reading at least once a week in their reading record.

Homework- Friday to Friday

Geography

As geographers, we are learning about where we are in the world. We will look at the UK in relation to Europe and beyond. We will use 8 point compass directions, OS maps and learn about other features of maps include the lines of longitude and latitude, the Tropics, Polar regions and the equator. We will look into local employment and location knowledge in Greater Manchester and use fieldwork skills and

Art and Design Technology

As designers, we will explore the importance of structure and material strength as they learn all about bridges. They will work in teams to develop and build bridges to match a specification.



As artists, we will be exploring how drawings can express emotion, movement and depth through the inspiration of Charlie Mackesy and Elizabeth Catlett. We will experiment with various types of lines, tones, and colours to convey different feelings.

Personal, Social & Health Education.

As citizens, Year 5 students explore uniqueness, diversity and inclusion to understand how to build fair and supportive communities. Through discussions and community perspectives, they learn how to respect differences and overcome barriers together.



We will also be learning safe image-sharing practices and online computer safety. They will explore how to protect their personal information and make responsible choices when interacting online.