

Year 5 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview

RE

This term, pupils will explore:

Local Church, learning about how the Church community lives out Jesus' mission today. They will also study **Judaism**, developing an understanding of Jewish beliefs, traditions and worship, and how these compare with Christian practices. Later in the term, pupils will learn about the **Eucharist**, exploring its significance in Catholic worship and how it brings the community together in thanksgiving and remembrance.

Writing

In English, pupils will begin by studying poetry, focusing on Viking spells, exploring rhythm, repetition and powerful vocabulary. They will then move on to narrative writing inspired by myths and Vikings, using Arthur and the Golden Rope as a stimulus. Children will write their own fiction stories, developing their use of noun phrases, clauses and similes to create vivid descriptions and engaging plots.

Maths

This term in Year 5 Maths, pupils will develop a strong understanding of **fractions**, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. They will then build on this knowledge when learning about **decimals**, making links between fractions, decimals and real-life contexts. Reasoning and problem-solving skills will be a key focus throughout the term.

Reading

Our class text this term is Odd and the Frost Giants. Pupils will develop key reading skills such as inference, prediction, vocabulary and retrieval while exploring themes of courage, resilience and mythology. Children will be encouraged to justify their answers using evidence from the text.

Geography

In Geography, pupils will study rivers, learning about their key features, how they are formed and their importance to the environment and human life. Children will analyse river data, use maps and diagrams, and compare different rivers from around the world.

Science

This term in Science, pupils will learn about living things and their life cycles. Children will explore the life cycles of plants and animals, identifying the different stages and understanding how living things grow, develop and reproduce. They will also learn about the parts of a plant and their functions, including roots, stems, leaves and flowers, and how each part helps the plant survive and thrive.

Art

In Art, children will explore painting and mixed media, with a focus on creating portraits. They will experiment with different techniques, materials and styles, learning how artists use colour, texture and expression to convey mood and personality.

PE

In PE, pupils will be developing their skills in hockey, working with a specialist sports coach. Lessons will focus on teamwork, coordination, control and game tactics, while encouraging participation, resilience and enjoyment of physical activity. Children will also be expected to participate in the daily mile.

Homework

Children will be given spellings practice and maths homework each week. They will also occasionally receive a topic or English piece of homework. Children should also aim to read for 15 minutes per day. Homework is given out on a Friday and is expected in on a Thursday.