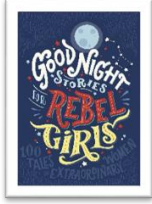
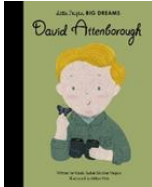
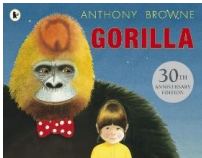




Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term (1) 2025

Please find information listed about the curriculum which will be taught throughout this half term.

Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
English	<p>Reading This half term we will be reading Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli & Francasco Cavaalo. We will be focussing on core reading skills and also make comparisons within and across books, draw inferences and justify with evidence and evaluate authors' language choice.</p>  <p>Writing  In writing we will be using the biography of David Attenborough, by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara to develop knowledge of different sentence structures and apply these skills independently. Children will plan writing by noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research.</p>  We will also use Gorilla by Anthony Browne to build narrative writing skills. Children will describe settings, characters and atmosphere integrating dialogue to convey character and advance action. Children will be encouraged to use a range of devices to build cohesion across paragraphs.	<p>Reading Reading is so important throughout school and we ask please can you read you're your child at least 3 times a week, even if it is just 5-10 minutes. Children should record books they are reading in their reading records. Please can you ensure reading books are in school every day as they may be called to read in guided reading groups or 1:1 on any day.</p> <p>Spellings Children are given new spellings every Friday and these are tested the following Friday. Please encourage your children to practise their spellings regularly throughout the week both orally and using the look, cover, write, check, method. Spelling books should be brought to school every day with reading packs as children may practise during some registration times.</p>
Maths	<p>We start the term recapping Roman Numerals and extend knowledge up to 1000. We will recap place value and again extend knowledge to cover numbers to 1,000,000. Children will partition numbers, compare and order numbers, and round numbers to nearest 10 up to 1,000,000. We will use mental and written methods for</p>	<p>Please encourage children to complete TTRS exercises set as part of weekly homework. Knowing times tables well is incredibly important and will help all children to succeed in Maths. Many board games and even</p> 



	addition and subtraction and solve multi-step problems using these methods. Children will move on to learn about multiples, factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. Children will practise multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.	adding up shopping bills can help improve mental maths skills.
R.E	Children will learn about what Christians believe God is like, exploring key texts from the Bible. They will study passages from the book of Isaiah and Psalm 103 (Old Testament) and the book of 1 John (New Testament) to work out some ways the Bible says that God is both holy and loving. Pupils will learn how to use key vocabulary such as 'omnipotent, omniscient and eternal' to describe the Christian view of God. Pupils will link their learning in this topic to other concepts studied to suggest why Christians believe that God is forgiving and loving, showing the impact that sin can have on the lives of believers.	
Computing	This term children will be coding. They will code Knock Knock jokes and a Pong game.	
Science	Children will be learning to describe the differences in life cycles of mammals, amphibians and birds. They will also learn about the process of reproduction in some plants and animals.	
PSHE	Me and my relationships. Children will be looking at the different relationships we have with family, friends and others with a focus on respect, cooperation and teamwork.	
History	Our focus this half term is History: Britain's settlement by Anglo Saxons and Scots. Children will consider what Britain was like when the Romans left and learn about invasions of Scots, Angles, Saxons and Jutes. We will consider the evidence archaeologists have discovered to learn about the Anglo Saxons way of life. 	Many thanks for all help from home with the Summer holiday research homework. The children have produced fabulous posters of famous Anglo Saxons and we hope to share them all in class.
Art/ DT	Painting & mixed media: Portraits Children will develop skills in creating interesting portrait drawings using words, experimenting with materials and techniques, and constructing self-portraits that represent aspects of themselves. The unit will enhance their understanding and	



	application of art vocabulary and encourages thoughtful decisions in their artwork composition.	
P.E.	Outdoor PE will be football. Children will develop attacking and defensive skills and techniques as well as team communication tactics. Indoor PE will be Play leader training in preparation for applying to be an infant play leader if you choose.	Our PE days are Wednesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (Indoors). Children may come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please ensure pumps are named and kept in a named bag in school for indoor PE.
Music	This term we will be supported by The Alpha Music Team. We will focus on pitch, rhythm and the use of chanting voices. Our key song will be Shabuyah. Each week the children will also take part in our Prayer and Praise sessions.	
French	Children will be learning about 'Les Animaux'. They will develop language skills to describe pets, colour and size and how word order changes using description.	

Other Useful Information

Equipment

Just a reminder about equipment.

Children should bring to school:

- A book bag with their reading pack and spelling book every day. No pencil cases please – stationery will be provided.
- A named bottle of plain water.
- Children may bring a piece of fruit for their morning snack

Please ensure no chocolate bars or crisps are sent in for playtime snacks.

Please ensure children are in full school uniform including school shoes, no trainers please. Also, no jewellery (apart from a watch if they wear one).

Please label all items clearly with your child's name, especially cardigans and jumpers!

Children need to keep indoor PE pumps in school on their named peg.

PE days are – **Wednesdays (outdoors) and Thursdays (indoors)**. Children may come to school wearing their PE kit on these days – black shorts/joggers/leggings, a white polo shirt and trainers.

A note for children and parents from Mrs Richardson

Welcome to Year 5, I hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead. Thank you for all the fabulous research homework completed over the holidays, the quality of work is outstanding! We have a busy term in front of us, with new curriculum changes across the whole school and some exciting challenges and opportunities. We are very lucky in Year 5 as we have Ms Berry and Mrs Musaji supporting us with our learning.

We have our first class trip, to Martin Mere Wetland Centre, on 03.10.25. We will get to see first-hand how the Anglo Saxons used to live and use this to help us in our history topic work. I



I am really looking forward to all our learning and to getting to know you all. ☺

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Richardson