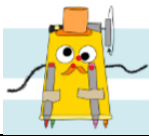


Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term (2) 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 Hansel & Gretel by Neil Gaiman. Our focus will be on fluency of reading, clarifying meaning, retrieving information and summarising texts.</p>  <p>Writing  In our writing this half term, we will continue to 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> <p>We will also use The Snowman by Raymond Briggs to build our descriptive writing techniques in narrative, with a focus on writing for different purposes and expressing feelings.</p> 	<p>Reading Reading is so important throughout every subject in school. Please can you read with 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>In Maths we will continue our learning about multiples, factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. Children find this area of Maths much easier if they know their times tables well so please continue to practise regularly at home. We will be multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We will also be recapping on fractions, finding equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa.</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. Any other board games, computer games or even songs that use calculations can help improve mental maths skills.</p> 

	This term we will be looking at what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today? Children will find out about Muslim beliefs, the Prophet and the Holy Qur'an and compare these with Christianity. We will focus on Muslims in Britain and how their faith is reflected in their lives.	
Computing	This term children will be learning about the history of computing and its advances through time.	
Science	Children will be learning about living things and their habitats – life cycles and reproduction of animals.	
PSHE	Valuing difference. Children will identify what makes us all unique, discuss people's differences and being respectful of these.	
Geography	Our focus this half term is Geography: How does the formation of the Earth result in Earthquakes? Children will revisit global geographical knowledge: 5 oceans, 7 continents, Equator, Tropic of Capricorn, Tropic of Cancer, Northern & Southern Hemisphere, latitude and longitude. They will recap the layers of the Earth and the process of an Earthquake. We will compare the physical geography of Japan and Mexico (both Earthquake prone areas) and evaluate the human and physical impact of earthquakes in these areas.	
Art & Design Technology	Painting & mixed media: Portraits Children will complete their mixed media portraits in art. In Design Technology we will be making electronic Doodlers. The children will identify the needs of a user, design a product, make an electronic doodler and evaluate their final product against their own success criteria. 	
P.E.	Outdoor PE will be tag rugby. Children will continue to develop attacking and defensive skills and tactics. Indoor PE will be gymnastics.	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	Come to the Manger. Children will develop musical knowledge and performance skills to enable them to perform with dynamic colour, expression & use of movement.	
French	Children will continue 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.
- If bringing your own snack, please make it a healthy fruit snack- **no nuts please due to allergies in school.**

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

What a crammed packed first half term we have had! All children have worked incredibly hard and I have seen so much progress across the curriculum already so WELL DONE everyone! We all thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Martin Mere, despite Storm Amy trying to put a dampener on it. The children got to try out various activities to understand how people lived in Anglo Saxon times. Multi Faith week allowed the children to participate in a wide range of activities, arts and crafts and dance linked to Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity.

A few children each week have been chosen to report to the class on a news article from the week. We have had some fantastic reporting so far: from floods, earthquakes, blood moons to retiring royal horses! Please encourage your child to choose something of interest to them on their turn.

The coming half term is going to be just as busy! Assessment week will start on 17.11.25 and give children an opportunity to show how much they have learned. We have an exciting trip to the Octagon Theatre coming up on 25.11.25 so if you have not returned any permission slips, please do so as soon as possible. We also have our class assembly on Wednesday 10.12.25 when we hope to share some of our learning so far with families and friends. With lots of learning and festive activities ahead it is certainly going to be a fun-filled term.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Richardson

