



# Pinehurst Primary School

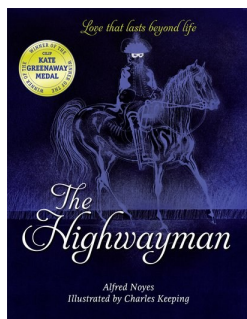
## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 1 2026



The information on this sheet will give you a brief overview of some of the activities we will be doing this half-term across the curriculum. Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions, or can offer any support.

### English

This half term, Year 5 will be reading *The Highwayman*, a classic narrative poem full of atmosphere and drama. Children will explore a range of poetic devices, such as imagery, rhythm and figurative language, and learn how these are used to create mood and meaning. They will then apply these skills by writing their own imaginative alternative ending to the story.



Alongside this, pupils will take part in an exciting drama workshop to bring the poem to life and will continue to develop their reading fluency through regular performance and discussion of the text.

### Maths

This term, Year 5 students will focus on developing their skills with fractions using the Maths No Problem curriculum. They'll start by exploring how to divide to make fractions and learn to write improper fractions and mixed numbers. Students will then move on to finding equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering both proper and improper fractions, and working with mixed numbers. As the term progresses, they will practice adding and subtracting fractions, including fractions with different denominators. Finally, they will explore multiplying whole numbers, proper fractions, and mixed numbers.



### Reading

Children will continue to develop their vocabulary, fluency, comprehension and enjoyment of reading through the Literacy Counts Scheme. They will sample a range of different texts and participate in purposeful discussions about the texts. This half term, we will be reading:

- The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
- The Moon by Hannah Pang
- Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright! by Fiona Waters
- October, October by Katya Balen
- Three Lionesses by Ella Toone, Georgia Stanway and Nikita Parrs
- The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes



### P.E.

This term, Year 5 students will focus on building both confidence and skill in the water during their swimming lessons. For swimming lessons, students should bring the following items: Swimwear (one-piece swimsuits for girls and swim trunks or shorts for boys) Towel to dry off after the lesson, Goggles (Optional) Swimming cap. Please note, no jewellery should be worn during swimming lessons for safety reasons. This includes rings, necklaces, bracelets, and earrings.

Remember to clearly label all items with your child's name to avoid mix-ups!



### R.E.

"What is it like being a Muslim in Britain today?"



This term, pupils will explore the Five Pillars of Islam, learning about their significance and the challenges Muslims may face in following them. They will consider the importance of the Holy Qur'an and how its authority differs from other forms of guidance. Pupils will also investigate the design and purpose of a mosque and reflect on their own sources of guidance, comparing these to the Qur'an's role for Muslims.

### P.S.H.E.

The topic for this half term is "Dreams and Goals". In this Puzzle the class talk about their dreams and goals and how they might need money to help them achieve them. They look at jobs that people they

know do, they look at the fact that some jobs pay more money than others and reflect on what types of jobs they might like to do when they are older. The children look at the similarities and differences between themselves (and their dreams and goals) and someone from a different culture.



Visits and Visitors (Building our Cultural Capital) -

Drama Workshop

### Additional Information

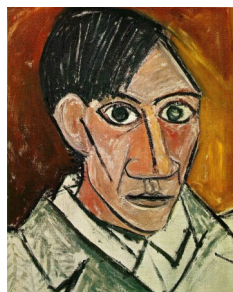
Book bags can now be brought in on any day and will be changed when they are in the Book Bag Box with a signature from an adult at home. Please support children in their reading. This should be a minimum of 10/15 minutes of reading per night.

Year 5 have PE on Thursdays this term. This will be through swimming lessons.

Homework will be sent home weekly. This may be set via Class Dojo, or may be a paper exercise.

## As an Artist...

**As an artist, we will be learning:** all about Pablo Picasso and his different art periods, focusing on cubism. We will look at the use of light, shade and tint; geometric shapes and composition in famous cubism paintings by Picasso. We will focus on "The Three Musicians" and use this as inspiration to paint our own cubism style painting of The Beatles.



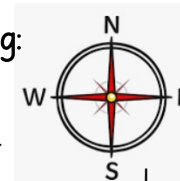
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## As a Geographer...

**As a geographer, we will be learning:** all about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. We will research The Three Peaks and famous mountain ranges and label them on a map. We will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living next to a volcano as well as looking at the Ring of Fire and how tectonic plates create volcanoes and cause earthquakes.



## As a Linguist...

**As a linguist, we will be learning:** to ask and answer more complex questions about transport and give reasons, using scaffolded responses and building sentences from memory. Additionally, we will develop our understanding of spoken and written sentences about transport while practicing counting in multiples of ten up to 100.

# Hola!

## As a Musician...

**As a musician, we will be learning:** about Edward Elgar's Enigma Variations, focusing on the music and its context. We will listen closely to the variations, learn to read notes on the treble stave, and play the theme on tuned instruments. Pupils will compose and perform their own pieces, using motifs to represent chosen characters and linking sounds to specific characteristics.



## As a Scientist...

**As a scientist, we will be learning:** about the fascinating topic of Earth and Space. We will learn about the Earth's orbit, the phases of the moon, and how rotation and tilt affect day, night, and seasons. We will also study the planets, their characteristics, and space exploration, including travel and discoveries.

