

Year 5 Curriculum Overview



Autumn Term 2024



Welcome back!

A warm welcome back to you all, we hope you have had a fantastic summer break and can't wait to hear what the children have been getting up to!

Teaching in Year 5 this term will be split between Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Chadwick. Mr. Hughes will teach Monday to Wednesday and Mrs. Chadwick will teach on Thursday and Friday. Supporting us in class this term will be Mr Palmer-Davies. The Year 5 team look forward to working together, with you, to ensure that your child reaches their full potential and has a happy, successful year.

In this letter you will find further information about your child's learning this term. Should you have any useful resources (particularly related to WWII) which you or your child would like to share with us, please contact a member of the Year 5 teaching team.

On **Thursday 17th September, 6pm**, we will be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting where we look forward to sharing more information with you all.

World War Two

This term, Year 5's learning will be centred around the topic of World War Two. Pupils will learn about the changing roles of men and women during the war.

They will also learn about key aspects of WWII affecting social change including evacuation and rationing. Pupils will further consider the impact key events, such as the miracle of Dunkirk and the Blitz, had on British society.



Maths

Initially in Year 5 we will focus our Maths learning around place value. We will be reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers to one million. We will then move onto using formal methods for addition and subtraction as well as identifying multiples, factors, prime, cube and square numbers.

Knowing all times tables (up to 12), alongside their related division facts, makes Maths in Year 5 so much easier! Please encourage your child to regularly practise their tables using TT Rock Stars.



Science

In Science this term, children will learn about materials and how they change. They will begin by testing properties of materials before looking at how materials dissolve, what a solution is and evaporation. Children will also take part in fun experiments to compare reversible and irreversible changes.

English

Our English work will be heavily based around WWII. In Year Five, the focus is increasingly on grammar and how sentences are constructed.

Character Description

After watching a short film about a soldier in WWII, children will apply their understanding of sentence construction to write a description of the protagonist.

Letter Writing

Children will write in role as a WWII soldier recounting their experiences to a loved one.

Short Story

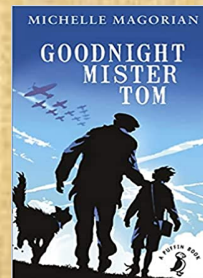
Using our learning in History and our class novel, 'Goodnight Mr. Tom', children will write a short story about a child being evacuated during the war.

P.E

The focus this term in PE is invasion games, athletics and gym. The children will be working on skills linked to rugby and basketball, which will lead into small sided games. In athletics, the children will be practising track and field events, building on from what they have already learnt.

Class Novel

Our class novel for this term will be 'Goodnight Mr. Tom' by Michelle Magorian. Much of our English work will be based around this text.



Help from home.

Reading homework: Each child's home school diary contains a reading sheet which is to be signed by an adult each time your child reads at home (this can include any Reading Eggspress sessions). When a sheet is completed, the child will put one token into the reading raffle where an Amazon voucher is on offer to the winner each half term!

Art and DT

In Art, we will be learning about the work of Henry Moore who was commissioned during WWII to make drawings of people in London using underground stations as bomb shelters. In DT, we will design and make our own Anderson Shelters using recycled materials!

MFL

Our theme this term will be 'My French Family'. We will look at close and extended family members and learn how to speak about them. We will also write a short paragraph in French, about members of our family.

Spellings: Every Friday, the children will receive a spelling list to take home and learn. The child will then be tested on the following Friday.

R.E

To start off our year, pupils will look at the holy books of different religions, focusing on the Bible. We will look in depth at who created it, why it was made and what we can learn from it.

Maths Homework: Times table rockstars is ongoing throughout the year and weekly homework will be given.

Computing

In Computing this term we will look at understanding exactly what makes something a computer, taking a look inside some laptops and looking at the different parts of hardware and what their functions are! Following this, the children will build on their algorithmic knowledge to create an animation.

Music - Brass

This year, children will be given a brass instrument to take home with them. Brass sessions will take place each Friday as a class. During these sessions children will learn notation on a staff and learn to play simple brass pieces.

Homework is handed out on Friday and it is expected that it's returned by the following Friday. Much of the homework set will be online so, if it's possible, please ensure the child has access to a tablet, laptop or phone.

Our PE day is THURSDAY. That means on this day children will wear their PE kits into school.