

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Summer Term 2026

A big welcome back to parents and children from Mrs Marrow and I. We have a jam-packed summer term to take us through to the end of the school year!

Maths

This term we will focus on mastering skills we have studied throughout the year. We will tackle fractions, learn about statistics and continue to practise our reasoning skills. Children will continue to have an arithmetic test every two weeks in class.

What can I do to help?

Children should practise times tables regularly at home using Times Table Rockstars. In Year 5 children are expected to quickly recall times tables up to 12x.

English

We have two texts our English work revolves around this term, the first being 'Children of the Benin Kingdom' by Dina Orji.



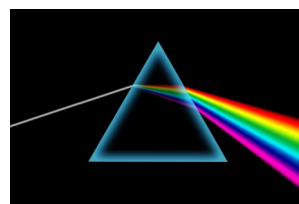
After half term we will be basing our writing around 'Anne Frank' by Josephine Poole.

What can I do to help?

Ensure children are reading as much as possible at home. Children can practise spelling rules using www.spellingframe.co.uk and each child has a login to access spelling games on this website.

Science

Our science topics for summer are 'Light' and 'Animals Including Humans'. We will investigate the colours of the spectrum, how light travels and how humans develop throughout their lifetime.



RE

In RE we will learn about Pentecost, death, loss and Christian hope. After half term we will learn the story of Daniel and discuss if he made the right choice.

Topic

This term in geography we will continue learning about the features of rivers, rivers in the UK and rivers around the world.

In history we will compare two civilisations from the past: The Mayans and the Anglo-Saxons.



PE

Children will continue to go swimming every Tuesday afternoon. Before half term children also have athletics and rounders in PE every Wednesday.

Sports Day will take place later this term, and further details will follow shortly.



PSHE

In PSHE we will be working towards being 'Young Leaders'. Children will complete tasks about making a positive change to our community.

Starting next week, children will receive a special Young Leaders book and pencil which they will record their work in.

Art/DT

In art this term we will be looking at watercolour painting, and will be creating different textures in our work by printing and adding different materials to our artwork.

In DT we will look at different structures and how they can be reinforced to make them more stable. We will also be cooking later this term, making food from different cultures around the world.

Computing

We will learn about how internet search engines work, and continue to develop our coding skills this term.



General Notices

PE kits: Blue or black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers. Children will need an outdoor kit (a blue or black tracksuit) as PE will often be outdoor even in colder weather. PE kits should be in school every day and must be clearly labelled. PE will take place every Wednesday (with swimming on Tuesday).

Homework: Our very popular 'Go Outdoors' summer homework will be returning this term. We believe children should spend lots of time outside, taking part in fun learning activities. More information will go out today!

As always, if you have any questions, or would like any further guidance in supporting your child, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.

Mr Kewley & Mrs Marrow