

Year 5 Curriculum Map

Autumn 1 2026



Walking alongside to live life
in all its fullness.

"Let us run the race that is before us,
and never give up."
Hebrews 12:1

Maths

Place Value- numbers to 1,000,000. 1000,100,10 more or less than any number.

Mental strategies to add and subtract numbers up to 4 digits.

Utilising written strategies for 4 digit numbers (column addition and column subtraction).

Starting to self check using the inverse operation method.

Writing

Our writing this half term will be inspired by the book 'Curiosity' by Markus Motum, the story of the Mars Rover's flight and exploration of the Red Planet. Children will write a space journey narrative and a formal mission log, allowing them to explore informal and formal language and the relevant grammar including modal verbs, relative pronouns and clauses, parenthesis (brackets and dashes), along with cohesion devices to avoid ambiguity.

Reading

Our reading lessons will involve fluency sessions around the book 'Can You See Me?' by Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott as well as deeper questioning to develop higher level comprehension skills. Children will develop their summarising skills each week, enabling them to pick out key details from each chapter of the book.



Spellings

Children are given spelling each Friday, supported by lessons in class. Please ensure the children learn the spelling ready for their test the following week.

Times Tables



Each child has their own log in for Times Tables Rock Stars. It is part of their weekly homework that they practise their tables each night, 5 times per week.

Handwriting

Children practise their handwriting daily on arrival, working with a 'tricky' join then completing a word each day.



Geography

Children will be developing their spatial sense to describe and classify the physical world we live in.

This will involve looking at lines of longitude and latitude, the four hemispheres and the Prime Meridian. scales and relief maps.

RE

In RE, Year 5 will be reading and studying a variety of ancient stories. They will then examine why these stories could still be important for religion and world views today. They will look at how these impact on someone's life choices and values for how they live their life.

Science

Pupils will explore astronomy and space, developing their understanding of the Earth, Moon, Sun, solar system and wider universe. They will learn about gravity, galaxies, the phases of the Moon and space exploration, including the first Moon landing. This learning links closely with *Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover* and will be enhanced through our Space Centre visit, helping pupils connect their learning to real-world exploration.

PSHE

Children will identify strategies they can use to keep themselves and others safe, and consider real life scenarios where they may experience peer pressure. They will use discussion based resources and record their thoughts and reflections.

PE

Pupils will develop their gymnastics skills, including balances, rolls, travelling, inverted movements, matching and mirroring. They will apply these skills to create and perform partner and group sequences using apparatus. Pupils will then develop their netball skills, focusing on attacking, defending, movement, teamwork, communication and applying tactics in game situations. They will also develop their swimming skills, building confidence, technique and water safety.



Music

Drawing inspiration from the power of nature, pupils compose short melodies to reflect different moods of the sky. They will experiment with instruments and learn key vocabulary like crescendo and diminuendo.

