

Termly Curriculum Overview Year: 5 Term: 1 2026

Belonging Believing Achieving

English This term in English Year 5 will begin by exploring poetry based on family and friendship. The main focus during the course of this week will be on vivid description, in order to create an image in the reader's mind. Our class text this term will be the Sharna Jackson novel: <i>The High Rise Mystery</i> . Through this story, Year 5 will develop their narrative writing skills and they will strengthen their knowledge of similes and metaphors, among other grammatical features. Pupils will also write recounts and non-fiction texts linked to our science topic - materials.		Mathematics Pupils will begin the school year revising and extending their knowledge of place value and number, with pupils learning to read and write numbers up to 1 million. They will work to develop their problem-solving skills involving numbers to this size. Pupils will then consolidate their understanding of calculation methods, in particular addition and subtraction, and learn how to use the bar model method effectively to help solve a variety of mathematical problems. https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources?year=year-5-new&subject=maths
Religious Education This term we will be studying The Miracles of Jesus. Each week, we will reflect on one of Jesus' miracles - considering what we can learn from the examples of compassion, generosity and kindness shown during these events. In each RE lesson, Year 5 will think through the lens of theologians, philosophers and sociologists, enabling pupils to further deepen and enrich their thinking skills. https://ldbs.co.uk/#gsc.tab=0	Science https://www.kapowprimary.com/science This term, Year 5 will be developing their understanding of Materials and their Properties. Through this work, we will be looking at a material's durability, permeability and suitability for specific tasks. We will also be investigating states of matter, whilst learning about solids, liquids and gasses.	Computing This term, Year 5 will learn about the computing pioneer Charles Babbage and use what they learn to create an information poster about his work and achievements. Pupils will also explore and understand the reasons why it's important to use reputable sites and sources when finding information online. Year 5 will also use their increasing computer literacy to support their work across the curriculum by using a range of research tools to record and present their work. https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/computing/
Physical Education Year 5 will have PE on Fridays this term and their learning will be centred on invasion games. This will include competitive team sports where players try to invade an opponent's territory to score points while defending their own goal. Pupils will focus on applying the tactical principles of attacking and defending with increasing confidence through modified team sports. https://www.valsabinpublications.com/	Spanish https://languageangels.com/eng This term Year 5 pupils will learn to name the subjects they study at school, along with other school themed vocabulary. Towards the end of the term, they will complete a unit which explores various hobbies and past times, children will learn to compose their own sentences on this theme.	History Our history topic this term is The Mayan Civilisation. We will look at the geography of Central America, how the Maya lived their lives, their beliefs, daily practices, food, architecture and rituals and how this has impacted our understanding of the world today - particularly through our understanding of Mayan maths. https://www.kapowprimary.com/history
	Art and Design Linking with our History topic, pupils will create 3D artwork by studying and designing a Mayan mask. They will decide whether to make an event mask, battle mask or death mask. We will look at the colours, patterns and images used to create different masks for different purposes. We will initially sketch our ideas and then create the masks using papier mâché. The masks will be decorated in traditional colours.	PSHE Our work in PSHE will consider new beginnings and the idea of belonging to a community. We will consider how we might feel when embarking on a new chapter and explore contrasting emotions, such as fear and calmness. Pupils will participate in discussions and they will use critical thinking skills and listening skills in order to develop positive relationships with new friends. https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/rse-pshe/upper-key-stage-2/year-5