

Year 5 Curriculum Letter -Autumn 1 2025

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful break and feel refreshed and ready to begin the new year! The children have settled in very well and have already made a great start in year 5. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning ahead!

Best wishes,
The Year 5 team

Neptune class - Miss Hall, Miss Jo and Miss Patricia

Topic (Geography)

Our new topic will be 'Britain and Beyond'. We will be exploring the UK, focusing on its geographical features including mountains and rivers, and comparing these to other countries within Europe.

English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be using this book to help develop children's writing skills within the context of fiction texts, myths and poetry. We will look at different text features and develop our writing skills across a range of genres. In addition, we will be reading 'The Firework Maker's daughter' by Philip Pullman to develop our reading skills. Each week we will also do comprehension, reading and spelling activities and continued handwriting practice to encourage pride in presentation.



Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on number and place value. This will include recapping and developing children's partitioning and calculation skills, leading onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables!

Science

Our first topic is **Changes in Materials**. We will be looking at the properties of everyday materials, the relationship between different substances and demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. We will give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials,

Art/DT

Our Art topic this half term is portrait photography. We will be taking our inspiration from Hannah Höch, Dada movement, Edvard Munch, Edward Weston and Julian Opie and making links to the computing curriculum.

PE

Neptune: Our lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Please make sure the proper PE kits are brought into school.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be looking at 'Being me in my world'. We will be focusing on our year ahead, being a citizen and rewards and consequences.

Spanish

We will focus on basic and conversational Spanish.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about 'Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?'

Rough daily timetable:

9:00 - 10:00 Maths
10:00 - 10:40 Reading
BREAK
11:00-12:15 English
12:15-12:30 SPaG
LUNCH
1:30-2:30 Topic/Science/Computing
/Art/PSHE
2:30-3:20
Topic/Science/Computing/Art/PSHE

Dates for the diary:

9 September: Meet the teacher Year 5 session
30.9: Individual class photos
October: Black History Month
22 and 23 October: Parents Evening
24.10: Big Draw event
* End of Autumn 1 Term - Topic homework book due back
25 October - 2 November - **Half term**