

# Year 5 Curriculum Letter -Autumn 2 2025

We hope that you had a wonderful break and feel refreshed and ready to begin the new term!

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The Year 5 team

Neptune class - Miss Hall, Miss Jo and Miss Patricia

## Topic

Our new topic will be 'How did the Victorians influence our lives?'. Our trip last term to 'The Ragged School Museum' was a great hook into this exciting period of history. We will be focusing on the key inventions including railways and factories, and discussing the legacy that this has left for us today.

## English

This term in English we will finish up our work on 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly. We will be using this book to help develop the children's writing skills within the context of non-fiction texts. We will look at different text types including a biography and a job advert. We will be focusing on our sentence structure this term and ensuring we are including all the parts of speech correctly. In Reading lessons, we will finish 'Black and British' before turning to 'How Does a Lighthouse Work?' We will continue to work on our core reading skills: predicting, summarising, inferencing, making connections and retrieval.

## Maths

This half term we will be starting off with multiplication and division. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables! We will focus on informal methods as well as formal ones, so please support your children with trying different strategies.

## Science

We are continuing with our topic: '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,

## Music

We will be learning about and playing music inspired by the theme 'Our Community'.

## Art/DT

In our Art and DT lessons we will be creating bridge structures and will look at famous Victorian engineers and artists such as Brunel and William Morris.

## PE

PE will continue to take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Our PE focus will be gymnastics.

## PSHE

Our focus in PSHE will be 'Celebrating Differences: How are we different?'

## RE

In RE, we will be focusing on the unit, 'Why doesn't Christianity look the same?' and looking at different Christian denominations.

## Dates for the diary:

5/11/25 - Celebrating Bonfire night/Diwali (which took place on 20<sup>th</sup> October)

5/11/25 - Height and weight checks

10/11/25 - Anti-bullying week

11/11/25 - Remembrance Day

13/11/25 - Flu immunisation day

14/11/25 - Wear Odd socks day/Children in Need

19/11/25 - Yr 5+6 Maths coffee morning

11/12/25 - Christmas jumper day and dinner

15/12/25 - Year 4/5/6 Carol concert 2.45pm Albert Mackenzie Hall

19/12/25 - End of term, school closes at 2pm

Winter holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Children return Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January