Year 5 Curriculum Letter –Spring 1 2026

We hope that you had a wonderful winter break and a happy new year!
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 (History)
Our new topic will be 'Roman Britain'. We will be exploring this period, focusing on why the Romans invaded, how successful they were and what daily life in Roman Britain was like as well as the lasting impact that the Roman invasion had on Britain.

English
This term in English, we will be focussing on learning skills to write science fiction narratives inspired by 'Robot Girl'. In guided reading lessons, we will focus on the poetry book 'Overheard in a Tower Block' and we will support children with all the core reading skills: predicting, summarising, making inferences, making connections, clarifying meaning and retrieval. Finally, we will continue to help children work on spelling, handwriting and structuring and presenting their written work.

Maths
This half term we will continue to work on fractions before moving onto our second multiplication and division unit of the year. Please continue to support your child at home by encouraging them to complete the weekly Mathletics tasks online. These tasks will support with our learning in class. Regular times table practice is also helpful.

Science
In our science lessons his term we will be learning about the lifecycles of plants and animals.

Music
This term, the children will begin to learn the ukulele, with a specialist teacher.

Art/DT
In our art lessons we will be creating mosaics and Roman shields, linked to our Topic learning.

PE
Our PE lesson will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please remember to wear/ bring appropriate clothing to change into for these sessions. We will be focusing on 'Dance; this term.

PSHE
In PSHE, the children will focus on 'dreams and goals', and how they can achieve them.

Spanish
We will continue to focus on basic and conversational Spanish.

RE
In RE, we will be learning about 'What happens when we die?' and focusing on what different religions believe about life after death.

Rough daily timetable:	Dates for the diary:
9:00–9:30 Assembly (Monday and Friday) **9:30–10:45** English BREAK **11:05–12:00** Maths **12:00- 12:30** Guided Reading LUNCH **1:30-2:30** Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE **2:30-3:20** Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE	Monday 27th January- Holocaust Memorial Day Thursday 17th February - Lunar New Year (children will be learning about this prior to this date) 31st January – 8th February - National Story Telling Week Thursday 6th February- Number Day WB 9th February – Mental Health Week 10th February - Safer Internet Day Friday 13th February- Tutorial Day- school closed for children Monday 16th- Friday 20th February- Half Term