

Year 5 Curriculum Letter -Spring 2 2026

Welcome to Spring 2!

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 (Geography)

Our new topic will be 'Rivers'. We will be exploring the features of rivers, specifically The Thames, and how droughts and floods impact the environment and communities.

English

This term in English we will be studying 'The Island' by Armin Greder. The children will be exploring various types of writing including writing a welcome guide, description, letter of advice, analysis, comparison, diary entry in role, and an imagined conversation. Their main outcome will be a narrative sequel from a different character's perspective.

In Guided Reading, we will explore the non-fiction text, 'When the Stars Come Out' by Nicola Edwards to develop our reading skills. In guided reading lessons, we will support children with all the core reading skills: predicting, summarising, inferencing, making connections and retrieval.

Maths

This half term we are going to focus on strategies for multiplying a 4 or 5 digit number by a 2 digit number and dividing a 4 digit number. We will then return to fractions where we will learn to multiply fractions and find fractions of an amount. Please remember that all Mathematics homework directly reflects what we are learning about in class.

Science

We will be learning all about 'Earth and Space'. We will be learning to: describe the geocentric and heliocentric models, name and describe the shape of celestial bodies, describe the orbits of celestial bodies in the Solar System and name the force that keeps them in their orbits, describe to orbit of the Moon around the Earth and its phases, explain how day and night occur, explain how seasons occur, explain how a sundial works and list some of the uses of satellites and explain why space junk poses a problem.

Music

This term, the children will continue to learn the ukulele, with a specialist teacher. Watch out for concert details coming up!

Art/DT

In our art lessons, we will be creating landscape drawings and paintings (linked with our Rivers topic) with a focus on the artist David Hockney.

PE

We are focusing on 'Games' in our PE unit. Our PE lesson days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child brings a change of clothes.

PSHE

In PSHE, our new unit is 'Healthy Me', and how we can keep both our body and mind healthy.

RE

In RE we will be continuing the unit, 'What happens when we die?'

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-10:00 Maths

10:00-10:40 Reading

BREAK

11:00-12:00 English

12:00-12:30 Grammar

LUNCH

1:30-2:30

Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

2:30-3:20

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Dates for the diary:

1.3.26 - St David's Day

5.3.26 - World Book day

WB 9.3.26 - DT cooking week

WB 16.3.26 - Science Week

17.3.26 - St Patrick's Day

20.3.26 - Red Nose Day

WB 23.3.26 - Shakespeare Week

26.3.26 - House Winners trip

WB 27.3.26 - Last day of term