

Year 5 Curriculum Letter -Summer 1 2026

We hope that you had a wonderful Easter break!

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 'The Maya civilisation'. We will be exploring the geography of this civilisation and how this affected the culture and the people. We will be discussing the impact of the Maya on our lives today, including football and telling the time!

English

This term in English, we will be reading Rain Player, a story set during the time of the Maya civilisation.

The children will be writing various outcomes including instructions for the ancient game 'Pok-a-Tok', a missing scene from the story and an analytical essay. We will continue to focus on sentence structure to support children in accurately forming and punctuating their writing.

In Guided Reading, we will explore a book called 'Me, my dad and the rainbow'. The children will focus on skills such as predicting, summarising and making inferences linked to this story.

Maths

This half term we are continuing our work on fractions, focusing on calculating the fraction of an amount. We will then move onto decimals, looking at their place value and representing them in different ways, before moving onto percentages. We will then focus on perimeter and area later in the half term.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about unbalanced forces, exploring gravity, air and water resistance, friction and levers. Through this topic we will continue to work on various types of scientific enquiry, including comparative fair testing and pattern seeking.

Art/DT

In our art lessons we will be looking at art created by The Maya. Inspired by the art of the Maya civilisation, we will be making outcomes including masks, statues and graffiti! This will also give us the opportunity to explore graffiti and street art.

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on Monday and Thursdays. We will be focussing on athletics and swimming this term. **Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit.**

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be completing a unit on 'Drugs and alcohol'. Afterwards we will focus on 'Relationships', and how to treat others with respect. We will also be looking at online relationships.

Spanish

We will be focussing on basic and conversational Spanish this half term.

RE

In RE, our new topic is 'Who should get to be in charge?' This unit focuses on what religious laws are, how they are created and religious texts.



Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Morning Activities or Assembly
9:30-10:45 Maths
BREAK
11:05-11:30 Guided reading
11:30-12:30 English
LUNCH
1:30-2:30
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE
2:30-3:20
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Dates for the diary:

23rd April - St George's Day
27th April - Ukulele concert at 2:50pm
4th May - Bank Holiday
WB 4th May - Deaf Awareness Week
14th May - Book fair arrives
WB 18th May - Walk to school week
22nd May - Class group photos