



Year 5 Curriculum Overview

23th February 2026 – 27th March 2026



Geography

The children will continue to learn about mountains and volcanoes. This will include exploring where in the world the major chains and ranges are found and how they were formed. They will also explore the causes and effects of earthquakes.



Art

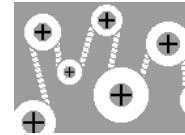
In Art, we will be continuing with our set designs. The children have used a range of media and explored a variety of techniques. In pairs, they will now have the opportunity to apply these techniques to the creation of their own set in a shoe box.

Computing

The children will create an animation using the set they made in Art. They will then use a program called Zu3D to create a short stop motion animation which they will also edit digitally.

Science

This term we will be completing our work about the Earth, Sun and Moon. We will then start learning about Forces. In Forces, the children will carry out a range of investigations to observe and feel the effect of different forces including air resistance, water resistance and friction. They will use different mechanisms to help them to understand how a smaller force can have a greater effect, such as levers and pulleys.



PSHE

The children will continue to develop their skills to prepare them for life in the wider world. This half term this will include Identifying job interests and aspirations; what influences career choices and challenging workplace stereotypes.



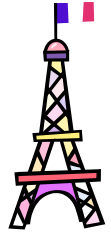
Physical Education

In games, the children will develop their hockey skills and play competitive team games. This half-term, they will also complete some High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) and create their own sets of activities.



French

Year 5 are continuing their work on 'Towns'. They will be learning to ask for directions and to direct others to places on a town plan.



Music

This unit focuses on the musical dimensions of structure and pitch. It provides the opportunity to explore the composer's use of a musica palindrome (the music sounds the same performed backwards as forwards) to portray a mythical creature climbing up and down a tower. Children will use the D harmonic minor scale to compose their own palindromic mythical melodies and notate a melody using traditional staff notation.

Religious Education



In considering the importance of **rituals**, The children will look at how some Christians use the **Paschal Candle** at Easter.

English

Much of our Literacy work this half term will be linked to our author study on [Michael Morpurgo](#).

Children will identify the themes and techniques he uses, culminating in the children writing their own narrative in his style.



The children will also take part in some Let's Think in English lessons, which are primarily discussion based.

In spelling, the children will focus on:

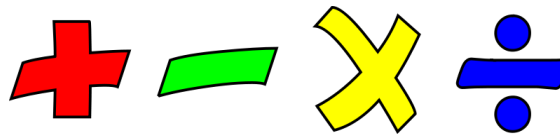
- Words ending in -ant
- Words ending in -ance and -ancy
- Words ending in -ent and -ence
- Words ending in -able and -ible
- Words ending in -ably and -ibly

Clicking on this [link](#) will take you to our school website, where you will see a more detailed outline of the spelling focus for each week. There are also suggestions of how to support your child with spelling.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this term the children will be learning about decimals and percentages, covering the following:

- Decimals up to 2 decimal places
- Equivalent fractions and decimals (tenths and hundredths)
- Thousandths as fractions and decimals
- Order and compare decimals (same number of decimal places)
- Order and compare decimals (up to 3 decimal places)
- Round to 1 decimal place
- Understanding percentages
- Percentages as fractions and decimals



Reminders

Children should be reading at home at least three times with an adult. Their Reading Diary should be in school every day. It will be collected in once a week on the following day:

5H: Thursday

5J: Tuesday

5S: Thursday



It is still important for the children to be regularly practising their multiplication times tables. Each child has log in details for [Times Table Rock Stars](#) to help with the accuracy and speed of their times tables recall.

There will be a couple of Inter-Class tournaments on Times Table Rock Stars. All children are expected to take part. The first tournament runs from 2nd – 9th March.

Other Information:

The children will have the opportunity to bake rock drops this half term. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help with this; we really appreciate it!

Homework

Our Homework for this half-term has already been set. The children have each been given a book by Michael Morpurgo to read. They also have a character profile to complete. The book needs to read, and the task completed by Thursday 12th March.