



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5 & 6 – Spring 1 – 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Spring 1! We would like to share our curriculum overview with you with all the great learning that we have coming up this term.

Please note:

- PE day is **Monday** so please ensure your child has their full PE kit (including trainers) on this day. PE will sometimes be outside so make sure you have the appropriate kit to keep warm when it starts getting colder!
- Homework will be handed out on a **Thursday** to be returned on a **Tuesday**. Children will receive literacy and numeracy homework as well as spellings.
- They are also expected to be reading daily and practising their times tables on TT Rockstars.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy, we will work on narrative writing and biographies. We will be reading 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. We will also continue to work on a variety of spelling rules, grammar and punctuation.

In Maths, Year 5 and 6 will be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages, statistics and Measurement. We will be applying these skills, and the skills we learnt in the Autumn term, into a variety of problems and contexts.

In Jewish Studies, we will be continuing to practise our Hebrew reading. We will be looking at Avram inviting the angels and choosing a wife for Isaac for the Chumash curriculum. We'll also be looking at the festivals Tu B'Shevat and Purim.

In Computing, we will be using our Mathematical knowledge and skills and combining these with our computing skills to formulate algorithms using Microsoft Excel as well as inputting data.

In Art this term, we will be learning about WWII artist Henry Moore.

In PE, we will be working on our gymnastics skills

Our topic: World War II

In Music, pupils will be working on song writing. We will focus on jazz before writing our own.

Our PSHCE/RSE unit this term will be about caring for ourselves and keeping ourselves healthy; both physically and mentally.

In RE, we will learn about beliefs about the afterlife across a variety of religions.

Our History topic is World War II, where we will be learning about life on the home front. We will also be learning about the Kindertransport and what life was like for children during WWII.

In Ivrit, pupils will be learning descriptive vocabulary and using these to describe stationary and clothes, as well as dialogue.

In Science, we are learning about Living things and their habitats. We will also be investigating micro-organisms and the conditions needed for these to grow.