



## Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5: Spring 1, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Spring 1! Currently, the year 5 team consists of Mr Gilani, Ms Harris and Ms Sabiha. We look forward to outdoor visits that relate to our topics. We have a class assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 9:15.

We would like to share our curriculum overview with you with all the great learning that we look forward to.

Please note:

- PE day is on Monday so please ensure your child has their full PE kit in on this day, including plimsolls/trainers. PE may take place outside (weather permitting) so please make sure they have the appropriate kit to keep warm! We also do a 'Daily Mile' and your child should have appropriate footwear for this, i.e. trainers.
- Homework will be handed out on a **Thursday** and should be returned on a **Tuesday**. Children will receive literacy and numeracy homework as well as spellings. They are also expected to be reading (Oxford Reading Buddy) and practising their times tables on TT Rockstars frequently.

Please look at our Curriculum Map for this half term:

In Literacy, our core texts include 'Holes' which will inspire our writing. We will also learn about inspiration people and write biographies. Our Literacy text to begin with is 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat' which we will analyse, learn and perform before writing our own stanzas, We will develop a range of reading skills throughout our reading sessions and focus on comprehension skills.

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.

In RE, we will be learning about 'Sacrifice', what this means and how this is reflected in religions.

Our Computing focus will be programming and we will also use our computing skills to conduct research in other curriculum areas.

In PHSCE/RSE, our focus will be on 'Lifestyles, Cultures and Families'.

In Numeracy, we will begin by focusing on fractions, decimals, percentages, measurement and geometry. We will be building on our previous learning before applying these skills to reasoning and problem solving. We'll be working on our arithmetic and times tables skills daily.

In PE, our focus is Gymnastics, and we will be developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

## **Our topic: 'Crime & Punishment through the ages'**

In Music, we will be working on 'Journey into Space': where we explore sound sources.

Our History focus is 'Crime & Punishment through the ages'. This unit will develop pupils' knowledge of historical crimes and punishments.

In Jewish Studies we will be working on our Hebrew reading (Chumash: Avram and Lot part company). We will also be learning about Tu B'Shvat and Purim in further detail.

Verbal Reasoning: we will continue to explore Verbal Reasoning style questioning to support greater depth and metacognition. In Verbal Reasoning, we will focus on 'hidden words', 'letter series' and 'antonyms'.

We have exciting Extra Curricular Curriculum activities which will include information about the distance and time it would take to get from London to the inner core of the Earth.

In D&T, we will focus on where different foods and ingredients come from before making our own healthy pasta dish.

In Ivrit, our focus is vocabulary associated with food. We will learn common words in sentences for pupils to use in their vocabulary.