



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5: Spring 2, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring 2! We look forward to outdoor visits that relate to our topics.

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. We are also preparing for a Netball tournament.
- Homework is handed out on a **Thursday** and should be returned on the following **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 first unit of writing will be on persuasive writing before we move on to diary entries and letter writing. We will use 'Holes' as a whole-class text to inspire our ideas. In reading, we will be reading 'The Puffin Book of Nonsense Stories' by Quentin Blake in our destination reader sessions.

In PE, our focus is netball & tag-rugby. We will be learning the rules, skills and knowledge required to play in competitive scenarios as well as prepare for a Netball tournament.

In Verbal reasoning, we will be using words to understand, think and solve problems. In Non-verbal reasoning, we will be solving problems using pictures, shapes, and patterns, not words.

In Science, we will be learning about 'Earth and Space'. Pupils will be learning about the sun, Earth and moon as well as other celestial bodies in our solar system. We will learn about the movement of the Earth and moon and how we have day and night.

In RE, pupils will be learning about different religious world leaders that exist and have existed in the past and how and why they were influential.

In numeracy, we will develop our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be applying these skills, and the skills we learnt during our unit on the four operations in problem solving scenarios. Pupils will be working on their strategies and mental calculations.

Our topic: *'Earth and Space'*

In music, pupils will learn about exploring lyrics and melody with a space theme.

Our Geography topic this term is 'Rivers, Mountains and the Water Cycle' in which we will build on our geography skills. We will learn more about mountain ranges and will identify major rivers around the globe as well as learn about the water cycle.

In Jewish Studies, we will be continuing to practise our Hebrew reading. We'll also be looking at the festivals of Purim and the hidden miracles within. We will also focus on and explore the themes of freedom and slavery.

In Ivrit, pupils will develop their vocabulary with words associated with the Seder table. Pupils will also work on Pesach songs.

In extra curricular curriculum, we will learn that the word 'Askew' is an adjective describing something that is not straight, level, or in its proper position- Google it, see what happens.

In Art, we will focus on African art, which is art full of rich colours, patterns, and symbols that show the traditions and stories of different African cultures.

In PHSCE/RSE, 'Caring for Yourself' is our focus in which we cover topics such as sleep, sun exposure and good hygiene. We will also consider strategies to look after our wellbeing.