Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5 & 6: Autumn 2, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to this half-term. We would like to share our curriculum overview with you about all the great learning that we have coming up.

Please note:

- PE day is on Wednesday so please ensure your child has their full PE kit in on this day, including plimsolls/trainers. PE will 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.
- Throughout the term, children will have the opportunity to develop and display their verbal and non-verbal reasoning skills. Children will also develop their wider general knowledge through weekly extra-curricular curriculum learning.
- 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:

Our topic: 'Romania'

In Literacy, pupils will explore poetry inspired by Faceless and other poems by Benjamin Zephaniah, developing their performance and creative writing skills. They will also use Road's End as a stimulus for writing character descriptions, wanted posters, and a sequel, while building their prediction and discussion skills.

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 frequently working on our arithmetic skills.

In Jewish Studies we will be working on our Hebrew reading (Chumash: Avram and Lot part company). We will also be learning about the upcoming Jewish festivals.
In Ivrit, we will be learning and understanding a range of Ivrit phrases including expanded noun phrases.

In Science, our topic is 'Evolution' pupils will explore how living things have changed over time and how characteristics are passed from parents to offspring. They will learn about fossils, adaptation and evolution.

In PE, our focus is Dance and we will be developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance through the 'Haka'.

We will continue to develop reasoning and problem-solving skills through a range of verbal and visual challenges. In Verbal Reasoning, pupils will focus on odd one out, insert a letter, compound nouns and synonyms. In Non-Verbal Reasoning, they will explore patterns, sequences and shape-based puzzles.

In RE, we will be learning about the relevance of religion in the modern world, focusing on Islam and comparing it with Judaism.

Our computing focus will be multimedia animation, and pupils will create and edit animations, developing their understanding of sequencing, timing and digital creativity.

In Music, we will be working on cyclical patterns and exploring rhythm and pulse as well as preparing for Chanukah.

We have exciting Extra Curricular Curriculum activities. This learning will include knowing that water makes different pouring sounds depending on its temperature.

In PHSCE/RSE, Pupils will develop an understanding of individual liberty, exploring how it is protected in society and considering ways it can be promoted and improved in different situations.

In Geography, pupils will explore Romania's location, physical and human geography, climate, land use and economy, using maps, atlases and digital tools to investigate its key features and compare them with other regions of Europe.

In Art, pupils will explore how modern architects such as Frank Gehry and Enric Miralles use innovative designs, materials and technology to create iconic buildings,