



Spring Term Curriculum Overview

Year 5 Spring 2026

English

At the start of the term, we will be looking *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes.

Following on from this, the children will be exploring non-fiction texts and, in particular, *Horrible Histories*. They will be practising the skills of note-taking and writing to entertain and inform.

In our last unit before half term, the children will be familiarising themselves with the story of King Kong and will learn how to write effective newspaper reports linked to the story.

After half term, we will carry out a number of activities linked to our class text *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundall.

Science

This term the focus will be on States of Matter

We will also be conducting a long-term study of seeing how our bodies grow over time.

Project Based Learning

Spring 1 – Part 2: Should the monarchy's power be restored?

This History based enquiry will continue to focus on why parliament runs the country, rather than the Queen. This will be explored by studying Queen Anne and Queen Victoria, and the impact that they have on Britain during their reign.

The children will then use their knowledge of all of the monarchs studied to answer the key question of whether the monarchy's power should be restored.

DT – In the first half term we create moving toys, exploring different shaped cams and how these affect the movement of the toy. The children will be investigating different joining methods and adding motors to their toys.

Computing – The children will be learning about how programme using code. There will also be a focus on online safety.

Music - The children will be learning about Spiritual and Gospel Music.

Spring 2 – How do mountains and rivers shape our world?

Throughout our geography project, the children will learn about how mountains and rivers are formed and the impact they have on human society.

DT - We will be exploring textiles and creating bags.

Music - Composing music inspired by rivers.

Maths

This term, the children will be building on their previous learning about methods for multiplication and division. They will be exploring different types of numbers efficient written methods for multiplication and division.

Finally, the children will be learning more about fractions, including solving problems using their knowledge of these.

In the second half term, the children will be further developing their understanding of geometry, this time with a focus on position and direction. They will also be looking at negative numbers and measurements, including capacity, volume, distance and converting different measures.

RE and PDL

RE - For one week during each half term our PBL sessions will have a religious education focus. We will explore rituals associated with Ramadan and Eid. In the second half-term, our RE focus is on the concept of Resurrection linked to the Easter Story - The Empty Cross.

PDL – During the first half term the children will be looking at the topic 'Keeping Myself Safe'. Following this, the topic will be 'Rights and Responsibilities'.

Trips and Useful information

It is important that you have access to your children's login details for our remote learning system – Google Classroom as well as the other websites we subscribe to as a school e.g. Times Table Rock stars and Anton.

Please encourage your children to read 5 times a week at home and recording this on their bookmark.

Hooks and Celebrations

To introduce the Victorian era, the children will be exploring Victorian artefacts in school.

As part of our Geography work in Spring 2, we will be heading to Rushell Farm to explore a river and conduct some Geographical field work. More information to follow.