



Medium Term Planning

Year 5

Autumn 2026 First Half Term



English	Mathematics
Year 5 will begin this year by reading and drawing inspiration for their writing from the book ' <i>Skellig</i> '. Our fiction unit involves writing a setting description. We will also be writing our own amusing rhyming poems this half term. Pupils will complete daily reading, handwriting and spelling sessions, whilst grammar and punctuation will be taught during transcription.	We begin this half term by deepening our understanding of place value. This involves ordering, comparing, rounding and counting numbers up to 1,000,000. We will also develop written methods for addition and subtraction. Year 5 will recap on previous learning, consolidating understanding in a range of topics from Y4, including times tables.
Art & Design	Computing
Art lessons will involve designing and creating a stuffed toy. Pupils work with fabric; stitching material together and stuffing it in order to resemble a character. They will learn how to appliqué in order to decorate their toy.	Pupils will develop their knowledge of E-safety ensuring they understand the importance of keeping safe online. In Year 5, they will further focus on the need to only select age-appropriate content.
Design & Technology	Geography
Year 5 will learn about nutrition and healthy eating. Pupils will collaborate to select ingredients that will enable them to make healthy adaptations to a traditional spaghetti bolognese recipe. They will design packaging to promote their recipe.	Our Geography topic is earthquakes. Year 5 will locate world earthquake zones using Digimap and understand the aftereffects of quakes. We will explore the main causes of earthquakes and know what to do in the event of an earthquake.
History	Music
Year 5 will explore crime and punishment this half term which is an exciting social history topic! Pupils will understand the meaning of rule of law, rights and punishment. They will explore how the rule of law has changed over time in Britain and draw comparisons between the past and present.	This half term, Year 5 will have the amazing opportunity to learn how to play the ukulele with a music specialist. They will develop vocabulary, whilst learning how to read, write and improvise music. Pupils will also explore and learn to perform a range of sea shanties.
Personal Social Health & Education (PSHE)	Physical Education (PE)
Our topic is ' <i>Families and Relationships</i> '. Pupils will develop their knowledge of different family types; learn about marriage and what to do if someone feels unsafe within their family. They will discuss issues around friendships and how to strengthen relationships, we will also learn about the impact of bullying.	Year 5 will begin the year developing their ball skills. Pupils will develop throwing and catching techniques, incorporating these into a range of competitive team games. We will explore changing the throwing and catching technique we are using based on different scenarios that may arise in a competitive game.
Religious Education (RE)	Science
In RE lessons, pupils will focus on the question, ' <i>Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?</i> '. They will learn about religious freedom, using historical and modern-day examples, by discussing people who have fought for their beliefs, such as Guy Fawkes.	Our topic this half term is Materials: Properties and Changes. We will explore a range of materials and draw comparisons based on properties such as hardness, transparency and conductivity. Pupils will also learn about reversible and irreversible changes.
In KS2 we learn French in our Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum (MFL)	
Year 5's retention checks this half term will focus on revisiting key French learning from Year 4. Our topic is ' <i>At the Tea Room</i> '. We will learn about the names of various food and drinks. Pupils will practice making food/ drink orders in French and perform a short role-play showcasing their order.	