



# Summer Term 2026

## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

**English** Our first focus text this term will be Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. The class will write a science fiction narrative based on this. Following this, we will continue our narrative writing based on the story I Believe in Unicorns. Next, we will move onto a speech unit, with a focus on child refugees. Children will learn how to write a speech and base it on this important world topic. Throughout these units and to finish the school year, we will cover a range of poetry types with a focus on tankas and limericks. We will also continue to embed Year 5 grammar expectations and spellings.

**Maths** We will begin by completing our unit on perimeter and area before a short statistic-based unit. Next, we will learn about the geometry aspect of maths with learning based on shape, position and direction. After this, we will focus on decimals in which we will be adding and subtracting decimals. We then complete a short unit based on negative numbers before finishing the school year by focusing on measurement, including converting units and volume.

**Science** Our first focus of the term will be separating mixtures and changing materials. Pupils will learn how to separate mixtures, how to clean up contaminated water and explain reversible and non-reversible changes. Following this, our next unit will be human growth. Children will be able to explain the human life cycle and learn about how newborn babies develop into teenagers and then adulthood.

**Art & Design** Our focus this term will be printmaking and collage. In printmaking, we will respond to printmakers like Michael Rothenstein and Belinda King by creating and evaluating our own press prints. In collage, we will investigate different techniques and materials culminating in creating a final piece based on the art of Dale Devereux-Baker.

**Computing** We will cover micro bits, concept mapping, and word processing using Google Docs. Pupils explore sensors, variables, if statements, and events, using concept mapping to plan projects and Google Docs to create, edit, and format their own documents.

**Design & Technology** Our focus for this term will be 'structures'. Children will learn how shapes affect the strength of bridges as well as having the opportunity to create their own before evaluating and suggesting improvements they could make.

**Geography** Our geography focus will be 'Oceans'. We will consider why oceans matter, how we use them, why they are suffering and what we can do to help.

**History** Our history learning will be 'The Vikings'. Pupils will explain Viking origins and invasions, sequence key events, analyse sources, identify trade routes, compare sagas and evaluate the impact of Viking achievements.

**French** This term our topics are: What is the weather? and Goldilocks and the three bears. Children will be able to describe weather and present forecasts in a foreign language, while developing listening skills through a familiar French fairy tale, supporting literacy and geographical understanding.

**Music** Led by County Music Service, we will continue to undertake clarinet lessons on Wednesday mornings with Mr Whiteman, including preparing for a concert at The Apex.

**RE** Our units this term are: Buddhism: Enlightenment and Judaism: Holiness.

**PSHE** Our first unit this term will be safety and the changing body. Children will learn about identifying online dangers and what is safe to share. Following this, they will learn about body changes throughout puberty. Finally, the class will complete lessons based on transition and moving into their next year group.

### Year 5 Staff

#### Willow Class teacher

Mr. Grimwood

#### Supported by

Mrs. Irkha

### Our School Values



### Diary Dates for Summer Term 2026

13th April – Term Begins  
23rd April – Class photographs  
4th May – Bank Holiday  
22nd May – Sports Day  
25th – 29th May – Half Term  
12th June – Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Day  
22nd June – WCET Festival at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds  
10th July – Reports to parents  
17th July – Be Yourself Day

### PE

Our PE Days this term will be Tuesday and Friday. Our focus units will be athletics, hockey, tennis and cricket.

Hair must be tied back and earrings removed before coming to school as we are unable to remove them.

Useful websites that you may like to try at home to support your child's learning in school.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch> (logins are in children's reading logs)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>