



Autumn Term 2026

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

English Our first topic of learning this term will be poetry using 'The Most Dangerous Animal in the World', as our focus text. Following this, we will complete a narrative unit based on the short film 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore'. Once concluded, we will move onto a diary entry based on the non-fiction book 'Scott Of the Antarctic'. Finally, we will be finishing the term with a unit based on 'The Christmas Truce War Story'. Furthermore, we will continue comprehension activities and embed Year 5 grammar expectations and spellings in English lessons.

Maths In maths, we will begin by consolidating and deepening our place value knowledge. We will explore the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000, before comparing, ordering and rounding these numbers. After that, we will move onto a short addition and subtraction unit. This unit will focus on adding and subtracting numbers with more than four digits before completing multi-step problem solving questions. Following this, we will complete our first multiplication and division unit of the school year, before starting fractions.

Science This half term, we will learn about Forces. This unit will build on previous learning by developing an understanding of how forces including gravitational attraction and drag forces – friction, air resistance, water resistance and up thrust in water affect movement. In the second half of the term, we will be learning about properties and uses of materials. Children will learn to compare and group materials, consider why materials are used for different purposes and look at how inventors create their designs.

Art & Design Our art unit this term will be drawing. The children will learn about and explore typography, before creating individual and group projects.

Computing We will start computing with a unit based on quizzing. Following this unit of work, we will move onto databases before completing our term by creating games.

Design & Technology We will be learning about food and nutrition. We will understand how food gets onto our plate and look at what a healthy meal consists of. We will follow this with considering nutritional differences culminating in creating our own recipe.

Geography Our geography focus will be 'The Alps'. The children will learn to locate the Alps on a world map and identify the eight countries they spread through. We will also consider the physical and human characteristics of the Alps and Innsbruck before also looking at the Alps from a human and physical geography perspective.

History Our history focus will be 'The Tudors'. The children will learn about Henry VIII and use sources to explain and justify their interpretation about events in those times.

French This term our topics are 'Do you have a pet?' and 'The date'. The children will learn a range of pets and be able to name those they do or don't have. They will also learn the days and months of the year, including special, individual dates.

Music Our units for this term are Livin' on a Prayer – Bon Jovi (Rock) and Blackbird – The Beatles (Pop). Through singing, performing, composing and listening, children will work together to perform music.

RE Our units are Christianity (Gospel – 'Where do people look for answers to life and living?') and Hinduism (Moksha – 'Where do people look for answers to life and living?').

PSHE Our units for this term are 'How can I support my mind and body as I grow?' and 'Why are healthy relationships important?'.

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>

Year 5 Staff

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Our School Values

Respect
Challenge
Resilience
Confidence

Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2026

- 1st October Census day in school
- 6th October – individual school photos
- 16th October – sharing afternoon
- 19th October – Key Stage 2 visit to Adastral Park
- 20th October – parents evening 1
- 22nd October – parents evening 2
- 23rd October – PTA disco
- 23rd-30th October – half term
- 16th-20th November – anti bullying week
- 14th December – the Elf room

PE

The children will participate in lessons on a Wednesday and Thursday this term. Children need to have a kit that is suitable for indoor and outdoor PE. Hair must be tied back and earrings removed. Lessons will be based on fitness, tag rugby, hockey and dance.