



# Welcome to Year 5

## Our Core Subjects

In **English** this term we will be focusing on a variety of genres, including: stories from other cultures, stories with historical settings, poetry, information texts and debates.

Throughout the English units we will be focusing on Spellings, Grammar and Punctuation.

In **Maths** our focus will be on: Fractions, Multiplication and Division, Addition and Subtraction, Area and Volume, Time, Place Value.

Throughout our Maths lessons, we will be focusing on Times Tables so we ask that you encourage and support your child with their learning of these at home, please. Pupils will also need to be fluent with corresponding division facts.

In **Science**, our focus will be *Why do some materials change?* During this topic, pupils will explore solids, liquids and gases and investigate how materials can change their state. Pupils will carry out investigations to separate materials and learn our key vocabulary:

**properties, dissolve, solution, soluble, reversible, irreversible, filter, evaporate, melt, cool**

## Our Foundation Subjects

### History and Geography

This term, pupils will learn all about World War 2. They will study what WW2 was and when it took place; all about the Blitz and evacuation as well as rationing and how the war affected people's lives.

### Art and DT

Our Art and DT topics will be linked to World War Two. Pupils will study propaganda posters and design their own. In DT, pupils will design and make their own Anderson Shelters.

### Computing

In Computing, pupils will focus on Computer Science. Pupils will focus on coding and how it is used in games. Children will create their own game using computer software and programmes.

### PSHE

Pupils will learn about how to face challenges and set personal goals. They will explore their rights, responsibilities and consequences. Pupils will also learn about the positive and negative impact our own actions and behaviours can have on others. All of these values underpin our everyday conduct and behaviour.

### Music

In Music lessons, pupils will learn to sing and perform the song, *Livin' on a Prayer*. They will learn how to warm up their voices and follow a pulse and a rhythm in time. In the topic, *Classroom Jazz*, pupils will appraise music, improvise and perform.

### RE

In Autumn 1, pupils will learn about the Five pillars of Islam and the significance they hold for Muslims. After half term, pupils will begin to learn about the importance of prayer for Christians and will continue with this topic after Christmas.

### PE

Pupils will learn about Outdoor Education through a series of team building activities. They will learn to navigate around an obstacle course as well as design their own. In Autumn 2, pupils will learn to compose dances inspired by World War Two.



### This term's topics are:

**SCIENCE – Why do some materials change?**

**HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY – World War Two**

**ART – World War Two**

**DT – World War Two**

**COMPUTING – Coding**

**MUSIC – Living on a Prayer  
Classroom Jazz 1**

**RE – Keeping the Five Pillars of Islam  
When, How and Why do Christians Pray?**

**PSHE – Being Me in My World  
Celebrating Difference**

**PE – Outdoor Education  
Dance  
Swimming (every Thursday)**

## Autumn Term in Year 5

Welcome to the start of a brand-new school year. We hope you all had a very fun summer break and feel ready to start the Autumn Term.

This year, the Year 5 team is:

- Class 11 – **Mr. Ellis**
- Class 12 – **Miss Hill**
- HLTA – **Miss Thomas**
- TA – **Miss Jenkins**

Doors open to pupils at 8.40am and pupils will come straight to class ready for registration at 8.50am. Any pupils who are late, must report to the School Office.

### Curriculum Enrichment

We are always looking for ways to bring our pupils' learning to life and have some visits already booked for Autumn Term.

**Weston Park – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
This visit will support our learning about World War 2. More details will follow soon.

### Swimming in Year 5 (every **Thursday**)

Pupils will attend lessons during school time every Thursday. They will need to bring their kit with them each week.

- **GIRLS** – a one-piece swimming costume, a cap, a towel, goggles (optional)
- **BOYS** – swimming trunks (no longer than knee length), a towel, a cap (optional), goggles (optional).

Swimming is a National Curriculum requirement which means that all children need to attend each week. If a child cannot attend a lesson, school does require a medical letter from your GP. We are always here to support any child who may be feeling nervous or anxious so please have a chat with us if you have any concerns.



### Home Learning Tasks

Home learning tasks will be set, which are based on learning that has already taken place in school. This means that your child can complete them with greater independence. We do ask that you check your child's home learning tasks to ensure they are completed to a good standard and returned to school on time. Thank you for your continued support.



### PE Kits

Pupils are expected to wear the correct PE kit for every PE lesson each week. The correct PE kit is:

White t-shirt (plain or with Woden logo only)

Dark blue tracksuit bottoms

Dark blue sweatshirt (plain or with Woden logo only)

Trainers

Children are not to wear their own clothes or sports wear with other logos for school. We would like our pupils to really take pride in their appearance as well as our school PE kit.

**Year 5 PE day is: WEDNESDAY (Swimming: Thursday)**

### Reading

Listening to your child read aloud as often as possible will support them with their reading, writing and spelling. The benefits are huge. Please write a comment and sign your child's diary every time you hear them read so that we can track the progress they

Useful websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - Great for Maths  
Sumdog- Great for Maths. Children should know their logins  
Duo Lingo- Great for French. You can register for an account at home.