



Welcome to Year 5

Our Core Subjects

In English this term we will be focusing on a variety of genres, including: newspaper articles, explanation texts, narrative classical poetry and novels containing a theme.

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

In Maths, our focus will be on measurement, calculating with whole numbers and decimals, 2-D and 3-D shapes, volume and problem solving as well as consolidating our learning of Year 5.

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 *How do our bodies change and reproduce?* (in Summer 1) and *What do astronauts need to know about earth and space?* (in Summer 2)

On *Wednesday 1st July* we will be visiting the Think Tank to further our learning in science.

Our Foundation Subjects

History and Geography

In History, pupils will learn how life has changed from 1948 - covering each decade up to present day. In Geography, we will be looking at Extreme Earth: volcanoes, tsunamis, earthquakes and other natural phenomenon.

Music

In Music lessons, pupils will learn to sing and perform the song, *Dancing in the street*. They will learn how to warm up their voices and follow a pulse and a rhythm in time. We will then look back at the skills we have learnt this year.

Art and DT

In Summer 1 Art lessons, pupils will be looking at objects and their meanings. In Summer 2 Art lessons, pupils will be looking at a sense of place in pictures. In DT, pupils will design and make their own biscuits.

RW

In Summer, we will be looking at what it means to Follow God as well as what characteristics that produces.

Computing

In Computing, pupils will focus on concept maps and coding, strengthening their knowledge of computer programming and how data can be presented in media.

PE

In Summer 1, children will be participating in Football as well as Volleyball in Summer 2. Alongside this, we will remain going to Swimming on a Thursday.

PSHE

Pupils will learn about how different relationships we can form and how our bodies will begin to change as we develop into adults. A talk with the nurse will also take place.

This term's topics are:

SCIENCE - How do our bodies change and reproduce?

What do astronomers need to know about Earth and Space?

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY - Life from 1948/Extreme Earth

ART - Sense of place/Objects and meanings

DT - Making biscuits

COMPUTING - Modelling/Concept Maps

MUSIC - Dancing in the Street
Rewind and Reflect

RW - Following God and Humanists/Christianity

PSHE - Puberty
Inclusion and Acceptance

PE - Football/ Volleyball
Swimming (every Thursday)

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 for your continued support.



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 are making at home.

Summer Term in Year 5

Welcome to the start of a new term. We hope you all had a very lovely Christmas and New Year and feel ready to start the Spring Term.

This year, the Year 5 team is:

- Class 11 - Miss Sinclair
- Class 12 - Mrs Adshead
- HLTA - Miss Thomas
- TA - Mrs Payton

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.

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)

Curriculum Enrichment

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

Music - Singing in the Halls - Tuesday 19th May

Science - Think Tank - Wednesday 1st July

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.



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.