



What's happening during Spring 2 in Year 5?



Literacy

Writing – Continuing with Part two of Holes, this half term will allow further opportunities to develop our writing skills across a range of texts including a focus on dialogue and recounts. We will do this using the imitate and innovate model, leading up to their independent write.

Reading -. Our reading lessons will also focus on our class text. Reading fluency will continue to focus on developing appropriate tone, speed, accuracy and emphasis. We will develop skills to to engage an audience when reading aloud, using the punctuation to help with this. We will continue to explore themes from the books such as racism, gender and crime by reading about these themes in other texts to help to link it to its social and historical context.

Spelling – Children will be further exposed to a range of spelling rules and strategies from the Year 5/6 word list. In addition to daily spelling sheets completed in class, spelling assignments will be set on a weekly basis on Spelling Shed so that the children can regularly practise the spellings that we cover in lessons. Sheets will also be sent home each Friday as part of the homework.

Handwriting – Daily handwriting practice will be taught using the RWI scheme and will form part of our English lessons. This will provide the opportunity to continue to practice diagonal and horizontal joins and use the correct letter formation. Children are expected to have joined and legible writing in Year 5.



SPAG- Punctuation and grammar will be explored as part of our daily English lessons, where the children will examine how specific techniques have an effect on the reader and be able to name these techniques when providing examples in their writing. We will focus on the use of the correct punctuation within speech.

Reading Books

Reading books will be changed regularly in our school library. Children will be encouraged to choose books that promote reading for pleasure. Please ensure regular reading sessions with your child at home and remember to sign your child's reading diary each time that they read.



The Wider Curriculum

Art – Chinese Painting and Ceramics

The first part of this unit focusses on Chinese brush painting: the materials used for paintings and calligraphy, subject matter and typical compositional devices. The children will then study Chinese ceramics, at first investigating Ming Dynasty porcelain, how this was made and decorated with cobalt blue.

History- The Industrial Revolution

In this unit, the children will learn that 'Industrial Revolution' describes the transition from a society based on hand manufacturing and human or animal power, to a society based on machinery. They will also understand the Industrial Revolution had an enormous impact on British society, changing many people's way of life.

Science – Animals including humans

In this unit the children will learn to describe the changes as humans develop to old age. Some of the areas that will be covered are exploring lifecycles, changes in puberty and old age.

DT – Cooking (Week beginning 23.04.26)

Pitta Bread
Honey Cake

Music – The Fresh Prince of Bel Air

Lessons will approach music where games, the interrelated dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked.

RE Christianity

Throughout this enquiry the children look at the events of Holy Week (the week leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus) to investigate the cause and effects of these events.

RSHE/PSHE It's my Body

In this unit of work, children will learn about how to take care of their bodies. This will involve learning about consent and autonomy, learning about body image and stereotypes and learning about substances which are harmful to our bodies.

Maths

Decimals and percentages

This half term, the children learn to recognise the percent symbol (%) and understand that per cent relates to 'number of parts per hundred'. They need to write percentages as a fraction with denominator 100 and also as a decimal. For example: they might be shown 20% and asked to write this as 20/100 and 0.2.

Perimeter and Area

In this unit, the children will be taught to measure and calculate the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes in centimetres and metres. They will also calculate and compare the area of rectangles (including squares), including using standard units, square centimetres (cm²) and square metres (m²), and estimate the area of irregular shapes.

Statistics

Learning will focus on reading and creating number lines. They will interpret timetables and will solve problems using statistical information from graphs and charts. The key words for this section are **continuous data** and **discrete data**.

Year 5 will have PE, on **Tuesday afternoon**. Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE uniform- a white t-shirt, navy blue tracksuit or leggings and a jumper. No earrings and long hair tied back please. Children should come into school wearing their kits and will remain in this for the rest of the day.

Forest School

Forest School will be every **Thursday morning**. Children should arrive in school wearing their warm outdoor wear with wellies/ outdoor shoes, in a separate bag. School uniform and shoes must be brought in to change into after the session. **Please ensure that your child has a coat.**



Homework:

Each week your child will have one spelling task and one arithmetic task. This will be sent home on a Friday in the purple homework books. It is due in on the following **Wednesday**.

