



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

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Welcome to Year 5! As expected, the children have settled in extremely well and have been really impressing adults around the school, with their attitude and desire to do well this year, which is evident in their work so far. In Geography, biomes will be their main topic. In Science they will learn about properties and changes of materials. In addition, there are many other exciting units for children to enjoy, especially landscape art and invasion games in PE.

Below is a brief outline about what your child will be learning in Year 5 this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 5 Team (Ms Longmore, Miss Henderson and Mr Milligan). Many thanks.

Subject	
Literacy	The grammar skills we will be focusing on this half term are brackets, time conjunctions and using fronted adverbials. Children will then apply these skills in their story writing with Charlie and the Chocolate Factory being the stimulus for their writing. In reading, children will retrieve information from a text and learn how to infer.
Numeracy	To begin with, the children will consolidate their understanding of place value before moving onto working on the four operations. Their work will focus on problem solving and maths reasoning, which will enable the children to apply the skills they have been taught. Also, children should become confident and fluent with times tables and arithmetic.
Science	In Science, we are learning about the properties and changes of materials. Children will compare and group everyday materials, test a variety of them in different conditions and understand the changes that happen.
Topic – Geography	The topic this half term is biomes of the world. This will focus on geographical skills including grid referencing and reading a compass. The knowledge focus will emphasise climatic conditions and animal and plant life in specific regions.
ICT	Internet safety is the key focus term. Children will be learning to use technology safely, recognise acceptable/ unacceptable behaviour and discuss online bullying whether through the internet or on a mobile phone.
RE	Our focus for this half term is the concept of submission. We will relate this to different religions and how this relates to our everyday life.
PE	Every Tuesday, the children will be walking to Red Lodge pool for swimming lessons. Please remember your kits – this includes a swimming hat. In addition, the children will engage and explore a range of invasion games. This will lead into children learning tag rugby where they will apply taught invasion skills, team tactics, rules and co-operation. They will also be applying keys skills in other team games to explore team ethic and tactics further.
Music	This half term we focus on the Building Blocks of Music – beat, rhythm and pitch. The children will focus on rhythmic and pitch notation and will work in groups to perform and compose layered patterns.
Art / DT	The art theme for this half term is landscapes. Emphasis will be placed on terms such as foreground, mid-ground and distance. Children will learn the skills of drawing using perspective and painting to produce their own landscapes. The artist David Hockney will be the inspiration for some elements.