



YEAR 5

Spring Term 2026



Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you have all managed to enjoy a restful Christmas break. Firstly, please can I say a huge thank you for my end of term gifts and vouchers – they were very much appreciated! The Spring Term is jam-packed with lots of exciting learning opportunities in Year 5! We will demonstrate and further our understanding of our school values. We will continue to work on becoming confident, independent learners. The children have produced some great work last term, and I am looking forward to this continuing in the Spring!

English in Year 5

In English, we will be investigating a variety of non-fiction genres. These will influence our writing as we will produce instructions, leaflets, biographies and blogs. These will either link to science, geography or history. We will read 'Hidden Figures', a non-fiction picture book about four significant women who were crucial to the 'space race'. We will write instructions on a trip in space; a non-chronological report on planets and produce a leaflet on London. We will continue to improve our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills and develop our handwriting style, working towards a Pen License!

Maths in Year 5

In **Maths** this term the children will develop their skills in many areas, including multiplication & division, fractions, decimals & percentages, measurement and statistics. We will use practical, mental and written methods to help improve our mathematical understanding. It is important for children to have a secure knowledge in number, such as quick mental recall of basic number facts and times tables. Please continue to support your child in reinforcing these times table skills at home.

Other subjects

In **Computing** the children will be learning about databases. Within our London topic, they will produce 2d and 3d models using computer software.

In **Science** this half term, we will be starting with the ever-popular topic of **Earth & Space**. We will not only learn about the planets and their place in the Solar System. After half term, we will focus on **Forces**. We will study the effects of gravity, friction, air/ water resistance.

In **Geography** we will compare the city of London with our island. This will include looking at the transport, mapping and famous landmarks.

In **History**, we will look at the Space Race and some of the 'Hidden Figures' from this time.

In **DT** we will look at architecture.

In **Music**, we will discover the delights of Gustav Holst.

In **Art** we will produce a piece of art inspired by Peter Thorpe.

Through our new **PSHE** scheme, SCARF, we will focus on **Keeping Safe** and **Rights and Respect**.

In **RE**, the children will learn about different faiths. This term we will focus on Islam.

General Information & Homework

Monday – Maths and spellings will be given out.

Children are expected to read daily. This can be a school reading book, reading eggs or library book. They have reading journals to record pages read with a choice of activities to complete over the week. They need to complete at least two a week. They also have the option to complete a book review to be added to our class display.

Spellings need to be practiced regularly; remember to check for '**The Challenge**'. The children will have new spelling patterns and words from the Year 5/6 curriculum.

Friday – Homework is collected and checked. Spellings are tested on a Friday and revisited weekly within writing and spelling sessions.

Dates for your diary

Library – every Friday

PE Swimming: Every **Monday** (until Easter) Children must have goggles & a swimming hat.

PE – Rugby Every **Tuesday** (outdoor – please ensure they have appropriate PE kit)

Space Project due: Thursday 4th February (more details to follow)

Bikeability - 12th,13th & 17th March (more details to follow)

Cross Country— 18th March