Year 5 Termly Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 2026-2027

English

Texts that we will be reading this term
- Wonder by R.J.Palacio

Reading focus
- Story openings/ Structure of stories and how they differ.
- Understand the poetic style of an author e.g. sensory poems.
- How text can be rooted in writers experience e.g. historical events WW2.

Genres of writing that will be covered
- Fiction: Adventure story
- Non-fiction: Explanation texts linked to science
- Poetry: performance poetry.

GPaS focus:
- Using and punctuating direct speech to advance the action
- Powerful vocabulary to build tension and suspense.
- A range of verbs for action scenes

History and Geography

Geography
- North & South America - What are the key features of North & South America?

History
- WW2 & The Windrush Generation What was the cause and consequences of WW2.

Art and D&T

Art
- How can I use line, tone and shading to represent things in three dimensions?

DT
- How can pulleys help move objects?

Mathematics

Number and place value
- Read, write (order and compare) numbers to at least 1,000 000
- Round any number up to 1,000 000 to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10 000 and 100,000. Use rounding to check answers to calculations.

Addition and subtraction
- + and – whole numbers with more than 4 digits, including using mental and formal written methods

Multiplication and division
- Identify multiples and factors.
- Multiply and divide numbers up to 4-digit by a one-digit and two-digit number using a formal written method.

Measurement: Perimeter and Area
- Measure & calculate perimeter & area of rectilinear shapes in cm and m.

Science and Computing

Science
- How does Earth move through space?
- How can materials be changed?

Computing
- How is information shared between digital systems?
- How can I produce a short film?

Physical Education

- Swimming
- Dance: the Greeks strategic tactics in games.
- Outdoor: Health related sports

PSHE and RE

- How can we stop bullying?
- How can we manage challenges?
- What does Buddhism teach us about human experience?
- What is significant to Christians about Jesus' life and teaching?

French

- Naming buildings and describing a town using "il y a"
- Asking for a place and giving directions
- Telling the time
- Applying some rules of grammar into sentences

Music

- How does tamboo bamboo help to tell the history of the Caribbean?
- How do I perform polyrhythms in an ensemble while maintaining my part?

Homework

- **English/Maths:** Homework is set to consolidate skills taught in class. Sent out on a Thursday to be returned the following Tuesday.
- **Spellings:** New spellings to be given out on a Thursday and tested on Tuesday.
- **Reading:** To be practised 3-4 times a week. Books from the class are for pleasure.

Please return spelling sheet and homework books on Tuesday.