

Year 5 and Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn term! We really look forward to getting to know the children better, as they settle into their new classes. We would be really grateful if you continued to listen to your child read and support them with their home learning.

English

In English, children will be taught a range of sentence structures, beginning with simple sentences and extending to multi-clause sentences, with relevant punctuation being taught alongside. Children will apply this through writing short passages - including a biography and journal - linked to our topic and whole class reading book, "Skyhawk" by Gill Lewis.

Maths

There will be a key focus on:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions

In addition to this, Year 6 children will focus on converting units of measure.

Our curriculum theme: Maafa

This project teaches children about Africa past and present, with a particular focus on Benin. It traces the development of the slave trade and explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora.

French

Year 5 children will focus on: French Monster Pets and Shopping in France.
Year 6 children will focus on: French Sport and 'In my French House'.

Science

Children will begin by exploring and experimenting with light; they will then move on to explore the human circulatory system, as well as functions of the heart and its components. We will also cover the effects of certain lifestyle choices on the heart, including drugs, alcohol and smoking.

RE

Christianity - What matters most to Humanists, Christians and me? Children will investigate in depth a non-religious way of life which is similar yet different to Christianity.

To dovetail with our Maafa theme, we will also learn about how religions view racism.

Geography

Year 5 children will have some extra lessons with a focus of finding the location of countries of the world and major cities within: Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Asia and Australasia. They will also learn about time zones and meridians.

Art and Design

Children will learn about and experiment with tint, line, tone and shade. They will study local artist Sue Slack and use a range of materials to create imaginative and fantasy landscapes of their own.

Computing

The term starts with an online safety unit where we will explore online relationships and healthy screen time. We will also move on to cover coding and blogging.

PSHE

This term we will cover the units: 'Being me in my World', 'Celebrating Difference' and 'Healthy Me'.

Music

Children will be involved in Sing Education lessons. They will develop their singing, listening, performing and improvisation skills.

PE

Indoor:

Children will begin by focusing on team building activities and games; they will then move on to developing ball skills. After October half term, children will develop on their skills when using hand apparatus and low apparatus.

Outdoor:

Children will focus on developing skills linked to Netball. After half term, they will then move onto developing skills linked to Tag Rugby.

Visits/Visitors/Enrichment Days:

Visit linked to Maafa theme to be confirmed later in the term.

You can help by...visiting the library, researching information and supporting with weekly times tables practice, spellings and regular reading at home. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.