



English

This half term, children will be reading *Treason* by Berlie Doherty. They will develop skills in prediction, viewpoint and summarising, and explore characters' thoughts and motivations. Children will plan and write a narrative from a chosen character's point of view, using a range of sentence types. Children will also explore the short film *Alma* where they will learn how writers create mood, atmosphere and tension for a third-person narrative.

Spelling: different rules will be given every other week for children to learn along with the Year 5 Spelling Bee words.
 Week 1 and 2: -ei
 Week 3 and 4: -ance
 Week 5 and 6: shus sound spelt cious

French

In French, pupils will listen to and respond different directions. They will gain an understanding of how to ask for help and how to tell the time.



Physical Education



Our outdoor PE will focus on tag rugby with the class teacher. Indoor PE will be taught by MR Holland and will have a dance focus.

Science

This half term, children will be learning about Earth and space. They will explore the Solar System, including the Sun, planets and moons, and learn how day and night are created by the Earth's rotation. They will also study the phases of the Moon, artificial satellites, and how scientists' ideas about the Solar System have developed over time.

Maths

We will continue to use the Maths No Problem approach which enables children to develop fluency and reasoning skills.

This half term we will cover the following topics: Fractions and decimals.



Arithmetic: From w/c 12th January children in year five will do arithmetic tests every other week. The week they don't do a test the previous weeks paper will come home with them so that they can practice the questions where they are making errors. Please encourage your children to be diligent with this.

	<p style="text-align: center;">DT</p> <p>This half term, children will learn about gears and pulleys. They will explore how gears change speed, direction and force, and how pulleys make lifting easier. Children will research user needs, develop a problem statement and design a product that uses these mechanisms.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>In computing we will be developing our coding skills. We will use scratch to make quizzes about topics of interest. We will put our friends to the test at the end of our unit to see how much they know.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Religious Education</p> <p>We will focus on art and the role that it plays in different religious practices. We will explore different artistic representations in a variety of religions.</p>	
	<p>Curriculum Overview Year 5 – Spring 1 2026 Mrs Alkamali, Ms Baksh and Mrs Fares</p>			
	<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>This half term, children will learn about life in Tudor England. They will study Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn and Elizabeth I, and explore how power, religion and propaganda shaped people's lives. Children will also develop their understanding of different perspectives from the past.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>In Music, pupils will learn to read rhythmic notation at tempo and sight-read rhythms accurately. They will sequence patterns maintaining the pulse and create and remember their own patterns. They will focus on tempo - presto (fast), allegro (quite fast), moderato (walking pace) and andante (slowish).</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE</p> <p>This half term, children will learn about safety and changing bodies. They will explore the physical and emotional changes that happen during puberty, learn the correct names for body parts, and understand how to stay safe online. Children will also learn how and where to get help if they are worried or feel unsafe.</p>
<p>How parents can support at home: Reading: Ensure your children reads every day for 30 minutes and fills in their reading record. The reading record must be brought to school every day. Spelling: Help your child learn the spelling rules and the Spelling Bee words. Times tables Rock Stars: Help your child to learn all the multiplication tables up to 12 and make division facts from them.</p>			<p>Important Information: PE Year 5: Wednesday and Friday Homework: Monday – Spelling (due the following Thursday) Friday – Maths and English (due on Wednesday)</p>	

