

Curriculum Newsletter Class 5

Terms 1 and 2 (September - December 2025)



Our topic is 'Explorers and Settlers'.

Literacy

This term in Literacy, we will be learning:

- *Nouns - proper, common, abstract, collective and partitive.
- *Regular and irregular verbs.
- *How to identify the subject in a sentence.
- *How to build single-clause sentences.
- *To identify compound and dummy subjects.
- *To identify gerunds.

This is following our new Grammarsaurus scheme, 'The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar'.

The children will continue to develop their handwriting skills through regular guided practise. Extended writing will be completed regularly, together with exploring a wide variety of genres.

Numeracy

This term in Numeracy, we will be:

- *Exploring and converting Roman Numerals to 1000.
- *Reading, writing and understanding the place value of numbers to 1,000,000.
- *Developing knowledge of the powers of 10, using the magic number strategy.
- *Partitioning and using numbers to 1,000,000.
- *Comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000,000.
- *Rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, and 1000.
- *Round within 100,000 and 1,000,000.
- *Adding and subtracting using column methods.
- *Rounding to check answers.
- *Exploring multiples, factors, prime numbers, square and cube numbers.
- *Weekly arithmetic tests will be completed, together with daily 'Flashback 4' activities and reasoning and problem-solving questions.

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Maths

History

This term's topic is history based and is titled, 'Explorers and Settlers'. We will be building upon prior learning in Y3 and investigating the following questions:

- *What was life in England like at the end of the 4th Century?
- *How did life change in England after the fall of the Roman Empire?
- *Why did the Anglo-Saxons settle in Britain?
- *How was Anglo-Saxon England ruled?
- *How did the Anglo-Saxons keep control of their kingdoms?
- *How did England change through the settlement of the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings?
- *Who were the Vikings and why did they carry out raids in Anglo-Saxon England?
- *Where did the Vikings settle and who was in control of England at this time?

We will also be considering what life was like in the East Midlands region during this time.



Science and ICT

In Science, the children will be learning all about forces, including gravity. They will explore a variety of mechanisms such as levers, pulleys and gears and how they allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. Following on from this, the children will be learning about the properties and changes of materials. This includes comparing and grouping everyday materials based on their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity and response to magnets. The properties of solids, liquids and gas will also be explored.

ICT will be taught by Mrs Burbridge on a Tuesday afternoon. The children will be using Purple Mash and building upon their prior knowledge, in the following areas:

- *Coding
- *Online Safety
- *Spreadsheets
- *Databases

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Understanding Arts and Design

Music will be taught by Mrs Burbridge on a Tuesday afternoon following the 'Sing Up' music scheme, which follows the current National Curriculum.

In Art, we will start the term by looking at Chromatic art. In this painting unit, children will learn about the seven elements of art and portraiture. They will use measurements to create a face with realistic proportions. They will revise how to use watercolour paints. They will understand that art does not need to be realistic to be 'good'. They will encounter a range of portrait artists from across history and the world. They will create a self-portrait using a collage and develop their ability to evaluate their own work. The children will become more confident whilst creating their own more divergent outcomes.

Physical Development

PE sessions are led by J.B Sports Coaching and will focus on Tag-Rugby. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school for P.E. This includes both trainers for outside and plimsolls for when P.E. is inside. P.E. this term will be on a Friday morning and swimming is every Thursday morning. Please remember your kit including: swimming hat, goggles, trunks/costume and towel!

Our PSHE theme this term is 'Being in my World'.



If you have any queries or questions do not hesitate to ask.
Thank you,

Mrs Hughes and Mrs Silvester



French

This term, we will be studying the weather, revising phrases already learnt and discovering some new ones. We will also be learning how to say different types of clothing and describing what is appropriate for each weather type.

