

Year 5 Curriculum Letter — Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school, and a special welcome to Year 5! We hope you had a wonderful summer break and that your child is settling happily into their new class. We have an exciting term ahead, packed with fascinating books, hands-on projects and new discoveries, and we wanted to share with you what your child will be learning.

Below is an outline of our curriculum for this term. We hope it gives you a helpful picture of what's happening in the classroom — and perhaps a few talking points around the dinner table!

<u>English</u> <i>Robot Girl</i> A gripping futuristic thriller by Malorie Blackman. As the children follow the story through its many twists and turns, they will develop their skills of inference and deduction. <i>Hidden Figures</i> The inspiring true story of four African-American women whose exceptional maths skills helped America win the Space Race. This provides a wonderful context for children to write for a range of purposes and audiences, in both formal and informal styles. <i>The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries</i> A gripping historical mystery set in the heart of Georgian London's theatreland, offering a wealth of writing opportunities including diary entries, speeches, fact files and biographies. <i>The Lost Thing</i> This text explores what it means to belong, and what happens when we see things differently.	<u>Maths</u> Decimal fractions We will build a deep understanding of tenths and hundredths, recognising their value. This learning will lead us into money, where we will use decimals in real-life contexts. Negative numbers We will think carefully about their value relative to positive numbers. Written methods Throughout the term, we will practise efficient written methods for multiplication and division. Times tables Regular practice at home makes a huge difference — even five minutes a day on Times Tables Rock Stars or similar really helps!
<u>Science</u> Life cycles Looking at mammals, amphibians, insects and birds, along with some reproduction processes. Human development Tracing growth and change all the way to old age.	<u>PSHE</u> Autumn 1 Friendships, stereotypes and bullying. Autumn 2 Mental health and wellbeing.
<u>R.E</u> Autumn 1 What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving? Autumn 2 What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?	<u>Geography</u> Investigating world trade Understanding where the world's natural resources are found and how they are traded between places right across the globe.
<u>History</u> Ancient Rome We will study the development of the Roman Empire, how it changed over time, and how those changes affected different people in different ways.	<u>P.E — Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u> Tuesday afternoons We will be outside playing invasion games, including dodgeball. Wednesday afternoons The children will develop their gymnastics skills, focusing on counter balance and counter tension. PE kit Please make sure your child brings their full PE kit to school, which will stay in school all term — this means they are always prepared in case PE days change at short notice.

<u>French</u> As-tu un animal? The children will learn to talk about pets. Quelle est la date aujourd'hui? They will also learn how to say the date.	<u>Computing</u> Computer systems We will develop our understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. Video production Later in the term, learners will work in pairs or small groups to create their own short videos.
<u>Music</u> <i>Livin' on a Prayer</i> We will be rock stars this term, listening to and appraising Bon Jovi's classic song — expect some air guitar practice at home!	<u>Art</u> Typography & Maps We will explore how we can create typography through drawing and design, and use our skills to produce personal, highly visual maps.
<u>Design & Technology</u> Reusable sandwich wrap or pouch The children will investigate existing products, think carefully about suitable materials and sustainability, and develop their sewing and joining skills to create their own practical, eco-friendly design — perfect for cutting down on single-use plastics in their lunchboxes!	<u>Curriculum at a glance</u> Autumn 1 Robot Girl • decimal fractions • life cycles • Christian beliefs • world trade • Ancient Rome • friendships, stereotypes and bullying • invasion games • pets • computer systems • rock music • typography & maps. Autumn 2 Hidden Figures • The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries • The Lost Thing • money and negative numbers • human development • Islam in Britain today • mental health and wellbeing • gymnastics • dates • video production • design and technology.

If you have any questions about this term's learning, please don't hesitate to come and see me or drop me a message — my door is always open!

We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children.

With very best wishes,

Miss George
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