

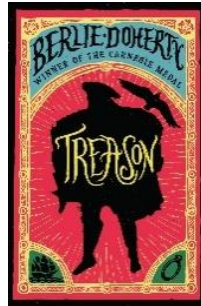


Year 5 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Spring 2 2025-26

What will your child be learning this half term?

Reading into Writing - In Reading into Writing this half term, we are reading the novel *Treason* to link with our history learning about the Tudors. From this, we will write a historical narrative.



We are also completing a media unit where we will be writing a set of instructions: How To Be A Spy.

We will be answering comprehension questions based on the novel using our VIPERS scheme, focussing particularly on retrieval, inference and vocabulary.

Religious Education (R.E.) - in RE, we will be learning about Lent - thinking about the concept of temptation as we study the temptations of Jesus. We will also be looking into human relationships and how these should be nurtured and reflect on Christian healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We will then progress onto Holy Week, where the children will gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the last week of Jesus' life and how the Church celebrates this week through liturgy and prayer.

Maths -

Our Maths this half term is based on fractions, decimals and percentages.

- subtracting and multiplying fractions
- reading and writing decimals
- comparing decimals
- adding, subtracting and rounding decimals
- writing percentages
- comparing equivalent percentages with fractions and decimals
- proportions of amounts using percentages

It is still crucial that children keep on top of their times tables knowledge, so regular practise on TT Rockstars is essential. Copies of all times tables can be found at the back of the pupil planner.

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar -

Year 5 words can be found at the back of the pupil planner - it is essential that the children know how to spell these.

Spelling focus this half term: -ibly/-ably, prefixes (fore, inter, ir, semi, hyper, trans, de, di, dis), suffixes (-il, -el, -le, -al) and words from the Year 5/6 list in planners.

Mental Maths/KIRFs -

This half term, the KIRFs we will focus on are:

- decimal number bonds from 1 to 10.

It is also important that the children keep on top of previous half terms' KIRFs as these are critical facts to help them with all aspects of maths.

History - In History, we will be studying the Tudors. We will look at how the Tudor dynasty began through the Wars of the Roses and the Battle of Bosworth, Henry VIII as a monarch, his six wives and children, religion during the Tudor era

Science - In Science, we are learning about the life cycles of animals. We will be looking at the life cycles of: mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish and comparing these. We will also learn about the different gestation periods of animals.

and a local study into the lives of the rich and poor during our educational visit to Oak House.	
Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Mondays: red round-necked PE top, <u>navy</u> shorts, plain black pumps. This half term in PE, Year 5 are doing tennis/badminton. Year 5 are swimming on Tuesdays this half term - they need a swimming costume, a swim hat and a towel to participate in this.	French - During this half term, the children will learn about various French-speaking countries, practice giving and following directions in French, and discuss climate using comparative language.
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) - Our PSHE learning this half term is focussed around being created and loved by God. This unit explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships and for loving ourselves.	Music - In Music this half term we will be continuing to build our skills in using composition and playing more complex pieces.
Computing - Creating media - introduction to vector graphics. In this unit, children will create vector drawings. They learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images, recognise that images in vector drawings are created using shapes and lines, and each individual element in the drawing is called an object. The children will then layer their objects and begin grouping and duplicating them to support the creation of more complex pieces of work.	D&T - In Design & Technology, we will be constructing bird hide models using wood. We will look at the best way to make a strong structure, techniques for cutting and fixing wood, designing a bird hide and then constructing it.

Other Important Information
Key dates for this half term: • PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE PAYMENTS FOR YEAR 5 OVERNIGHT TRIP TO WOODLANDS • Tuesday 24th Feb - Year 5 to Mass at SJD 10am. • Wednesday 25th Feb - Baptism information Coffee Morning 9am in hall. • Friday 27th Feb - St David's Day celebration - own clothes for house members, Assembly at 9am and celebration activities pm. CHILDREN IN ST DAVID'S HOUSE WEAR OWN CLOTHES ON THIS DAY. • Wednesday 4th March - One Life Music Whole School Retreat Day • Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - wear pyjamas. • Tuesday 10th March - Parent's Evening Appointments 2pm - 6pm • Wednesday 11th March - 'Animal Man' workshops in school • Thursday 12th March - Year 5 to Oak House - please ensure you have given permission and paid once the letter has gone out. • Monday 16th March - Stay & Pray for Parents Year 5 & 6 at 2.45pm • Monday 17th March - St Patrick's Day Assembly led by St Patrick's House. CHILDREN IN ST. PATRICK'S HOUSE WEAR OWN CLOTHES ON THIS DAY.

- Thursday 19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day
- Saturday 21st March - Family Mass at SJD at 4pm
- Tuesday 24th March - Whole school Mass in school at 2.30pm
- Friday 27th March - Gold Coins in assembly, Easter Culture Day and CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Homework in Year 5

- **Reading, spelling, KIRFs and times tables**
- Children are expected to read every day for 20 minutes - **please write in your child's planner what they have read.**
- Spellings will be stuck into **planners** and shared on the **class page** of the **school website**. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on **Fridays** each week.
- Mental Maths - Please help your child to practise **KIRFs facts** and **times tables** at home. Mental Maths tests will take place on **Fridays** each week.