



Year 5 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Autumn 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 Roald Dahl's play, <i>The Witches</i>. Using this, we will write a diary entry and our own play script scene. We will be answering comprehension questions based on this text using our VIPERS scheme, focussing particularly on retrieval, inference and vocabulary. 	Religious Education (R.E.) - in RE, we will be learning about Baptism, referencing the Gospel accounts of the Baptism of Jesus and describe, sequence and explain many of the signs, symbols and actions in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will then go on to learn about Advent and how Christians prepare to remember the first coming of Christ and prepare for His second coming. We will also look at those who have proclaimed the coming of Christ. Maths - Our Maths this half term continues with our multiplication and division of whole number unit. We will be learning how to carry out long multiplication of 2- and 3-digits multiplied by 2-digit numbers. Then, we will progress onto learning how to use short division and mental methods to divide whole numbers, with and without remainders. After this, we will move on to looking at word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division - deciphering key information and using this to create calculations to solve the problem. 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: -tial/-cial, -cious/-tious, -tion/-sion, -cian, double consonant words and Year 5 words.	Mental Maths - This half term our KIRFs are all about PRIME NUMBERS. What they are and memorising the prime numbers up to 23.
History - In History this half-term, we are learning about the Normans. We will look at the contenders to the Throne of England in 1066, the Battle of Hastings, the Bayeux Tapestry, Feudal System and the Domesday Book.	Science - In Science, we are learning about Space. We will explore the planets in our solar system, as well as the sun and the moon. We will observe the shape of the moon and learn about the shapes of others objects in space. Also, we will learn about how we get night and day, the orbits of the planets and why the sun appears to move across the sky.

Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Mondays and Thursdays: red round-necked PE top, <u>navy</u> shorts, plain black pumps. This half term in PE we are studying gymnastics and hockey. This will help us develop team skills, rule following skills, balance and coordination.	French – Space Exploration in French In this half-term, the children will begin to identify keywords, phrases and ideas from spoken French about Our Solaire System. They will apply knowledge of noun and adjective agreement to create metaphors in French. They will form questions to ask for information about alien planets.
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.	Music – In Music this half term we will be continuing to develop our composition and music theory skills while also preparing for our class pieces.
Computing – Creating media: video production We will be looking at filming techniques, how to plan and create our own video production using a story board and then evaluating this.	DT – In DT, we will be planning, preparing and making our own soups. We will taste a variety of vegetables and then decide which to use to make our own soup.

Other Important Information

Key dates for this half term:

- Thursday 6th November - individual school photos
- Friday 7th November - flu vaccinations
- Monday 10th November - odd sock day for anti-bullying and Walsall FC Football Cup
- Tuesday 11th November - Year 5 to Mass at SJD 10am and Remembrance Liturgy
- Wednesday 12th November - Year 5 DT Day - soup making
- Friday 14th November - Year 5 class assembly: **PARENTS WELCOME**
- Friday 21st November - Year 5 trip to Leicester Space Centre
- Friday 28th November - children in St Andrew's house wear own clothes for Saint day
- Mon. 1st Dec - KS2 Online safety assembly at 2.45pm: **PARENTS INVITED**
- Tuesday 2nd December - whole school Advent Mass
- Thursday 4th December - Sleeping Beauty pantomime **(BACK LATE TO SCHOOL)**
- Tuesday 9th December - Year 5 & 6 Advent Stay and Pray with parents
- Wednesday 10th December - Christmas dinner day
- Friday 12th December - Christmas jumper day and School/Parish Christmas Fair in hall 3:30-4:30pm
- Tuesday 16th December - KS2 Carol Service at Church SJD 2pm: **FAMILIES WELCOME**
- Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Crafts afternoon
- Thursday 18th December - Class Parties afternoon
- Friday 19th December - Christmas Culture Day

Homework in Year 5

- Children are expected to read every day for 15 - 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 **addition, subtraction and multiplication facts** at home. Mental Maths tests will take place each week.