



Year 5, Autumn 1, 2026-2027



English

Poetry - The Highwayman.

This half term, Year 5 will explore the exciting poem *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. Children will use the text to inspire their own writing, including descriptive settings, character work and narrative pieces. Along the way, they will develop their vocabulary, grammar and creativity through a range of engaging activities.

Fiction Unit - Kensuke's Kingdom.

We will explore Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom* through our write stuff lessons. The children will develop their descriptive and narrative writing skills while exploring themes of friendship, courage, survival and kindness.



Non Fiction Unit - Balanced Argument. Screen Time.

We will explore the question "Should children have limits on screen time?" The children will develop their skills in writing a balanced argument, considering different viewpoints and using persuasive language, evidence and well-structured paragraphs to support their ideas.

Maths



In maths this half term the pupils will begin by learning about number and place value. We will explore reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers to one million. We will then move on to look at addition and subtraction looking at mental and written strategies for adding up to 4 digit numbers.

Welcome to Year 5!

We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to Year 5.

This term we will be learning all about WWII and the how this was a significant turning point in history.

Science

This half-term the children will be studying 'Materials'. They will be learning about materials, their properties and their uses. They will make links using their materials in order to build a successful air raid shelter in technology.

History

Pupils will be studying WW2 in History this half term. This will involve learning about evacuees and the Blitz. We will be focusing upon how this was a significant turning point in British History.

Dates for your Diary!

Tues 15th, 22nd, 29th,
September and Tues 6th
and 13th October
-British Sign Language
session (pm).

Fri 18th September - Flu
Immunisations.

Tues 22nd September -
School Photographs.

Please check the weekly
Friday Flyer for date
updates throughout the
half term.



Computing

Children will learn about:

- ★ Revising basics
- ★ ChromeBook
- ★ E-Safety



Home Learning

Reading: We encourage all children to read as much as possible, both at school and at home. All pupils will be allocated a reading scheme book or a class library book to read every night. Please listen to your child read regularly and write a comment in their reading record every week.

Maths homework will be set on My Maths and any additional homework tasks will be set on Google Classroom. This will be set on a Wednesday for the following Wednesday.

Music

In music we will be exploring melody composition techniques using the keyboards. The children will be able to create a ternary form melody, using C-G with a rhythmic or melodic ostinato accompaniment.

PE

In Year 5 the children will have PE on a Thursday with Mr Smith and a Friday with NUF. The children should come to school both days in their PE kits to maximise PE time.



MFL/French

This half term we will be learning about stationery, school subjects and preferences. The children will understand that the gender of nouns affects determiners. They will also be able to identify determiners.

Useful Websites:

www.mymaths.co.uk - children will be given a password and login.

www.letterjoin.co.uk - username: light password: shine - useful to practise joined up writing

www.activelearn.co.uk - children will receive a password and username soon so they can logon to Bug Club (reading scheme)

www.school360.co.uk - children will have their own log-in to School 360. There are lots of good links to Maths/Literacy Games and they can also 'spend' the points they win in school on customising their avatars.

Design Technology

Pupils will be designing and creating their own air raid shelter models this half term. They will test their model at the end of the unit.

Worship and RE



R.E. This half-term the children explore the question 'What does it mean for Christians if God is loving and holy?'

Worship:

Throughout the year, children will participate in school, key stage and class worship. They will be encouraged to plan and lead worship regularly.

PSHE

During this half term the children will begin by thinking about democracy as we vote for and elect our new school council. We will then move on to explore the big question, What makes up a person's identity?

Things to remember:

Reading Record, reading book and Water bottle need to come into school each day.

PE days are Thursday and Friday. Children should come to school on PE days dressed in their PE kits.