

Castle Primary School

Curriculum Letter

Year 5



Autumn Term 2025

English
We will start the year by reading 'The right to learn', which will inspire diary writing. Then the novel Gravenhunger, based on which we will consolidate a diary entry and write an estate agents listing.

PSHE
We will identify ways to keep ourselves and others safe. Recognise ways to manage peer pressure. Explain the possible outcomes that might happen when we take risks and then recognise the possible consequences of an accident or incident.

Maths
We will begin by revising our Year 4 times table facts and knowledge of place value. Then we will consolidate our addition and subtraction skills and apply this knowledge when solving problems.

Music
We are using the Sing Up scheme, focusing on rounds and using body percussion patterns to accompany the rounds.

Science
Our learning will focus on Space and gravity including; the solar system, rotation of the Earth and moon, planets, moon phases, stars, asteroids and comets. We will also be Investigating how the speed of a meteorite affects the size of a moon crater formed.

RE
We will describe what stewardship is and how it is expressed within the Muslim world view. We will focus on the concept of stewardship in relation to our own lives.

Art
We will be studying Wassily Kandinsky's artwork and use this as inspirations for our own creation, further inspired by his favourite classic music used as stimulus.

The Maya Autumn



History
We will be learning all about ancient Maya times, including their education, number system and religious beliefs.

PE – outdoor - multiskills
We will be working on our agility, balance and co-ordination skills.

Computing
We will start by looking at how to stay safe online. Then we will be developing our online research skills in order to support our learning in History.

PE – outdoor –Leadership
We will learn what a good play leader is and how they communicate. This will enable us to lead games with and without equipment and organise participants.

French
We will be learning how to say a variety of animals in French. We will then use these in sentences explaining which animals we like and which ones we do not like

Your child needs to be in PE kit on Tuesdays and Fridays. Trainers in school everyday for the mile!

How you can help your child at home...

Below are some suggested activities you may like to try at home with your child.

How to be a reader and writer...

Listen to your child read aloud at home focusing on punctuation and its effect on the passage. Discuss the language used and the effect that this has on the reader.

In addition, make sure that your child uses Spelling Shed weekly to practise their spelling words.



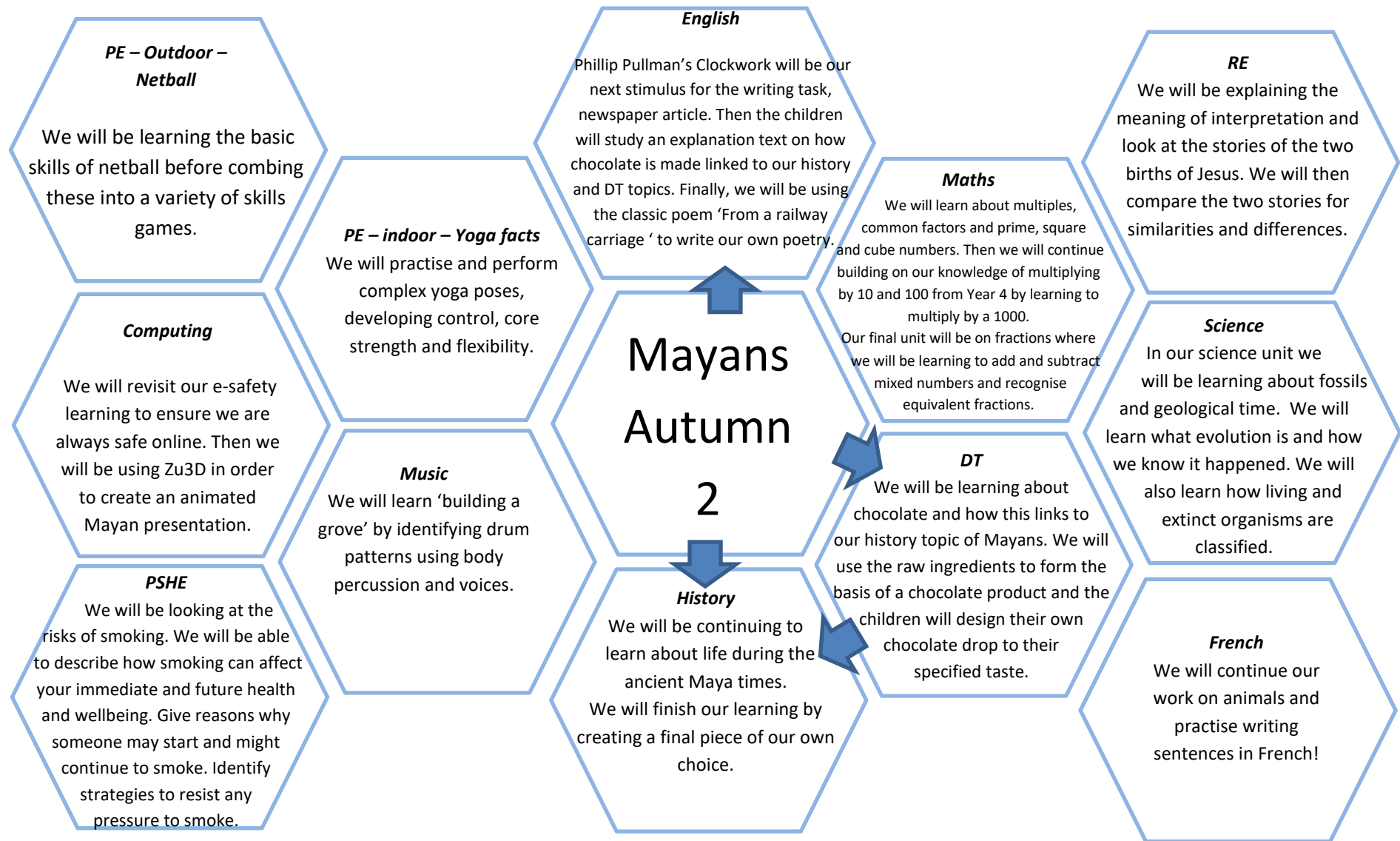
How to be a mathematician...

Consolidate knowledge of all the table facts and relate this to the corresponding division facts. Use TT Rockstars to improve accuracy and speed of recall.

How to be a historian and scientist...

Visit the library and use appropriate websites to research and find further information about the Mayans and the Solar System. This information can then be used to produce a fact file.





How you can help your child at home...

Below are some suggested activities you may like to try at home with your child.

How to be a writer...

If your child has enjoyed a particular day out, creating a scrapbook is a great way to encourage your child to recount what they did and develop their writing skills. E.g. On Monday, my family and I visited the Natural History museum.

How to be a mathematician...

When shopping with your child, encourage them to add up amounts and work out the change. Can your child convert pounds to pence?

How to be an artist...

Explore other examples of Mayan artwork and sculptures in order to create your own piece of art of your choosing following on from their inspiration.

Key dates:

Stone Farm Residential Trip: 16th -19th September

Homework in Year 5:

Each week your child will be expected to complete 3 activities on EdShed on 3 separate days before Friday. This will really help your child to learn the weekly spelling words, also ensure that they know the meaning of the words and aid their understanding of grammar.

Also, they will be expected to spend 10-15 mins playing on TT Rockstars on 3 separate days each week, to ensure that their times table knowledge remains strong. This knowledge is crucial for the Year 5 work in maths.

For all their hard work and effort, we will reward the children:

Completed EdShed= 1 House token

Completed TT Rockstars = 1 House token

Both EdShed and TT Rockstars completed = 1 House point and 15 mins extra breaktime on Friday.

In addition, reading regularly, especially practising reading aloud and using expression, remains an important activity in your child's education. They have a reading book and a library book from school.

They also have a login to the Hampshire Sora app, which is an online library book with a wide selection of ebooks as well as audio books.