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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

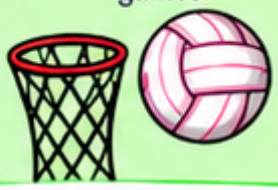
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Welcome to Year 5!

We are looking forward to an exciting term filled with new learning, interesting topics and plenty of opportunities for your child to shine. Here is an overview of what we will be learning this term.

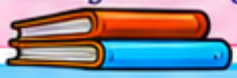
PE – Outdoor – Netball

We will be learning the basic skills of netball before combining these into a variety of skills games.



English

We will start the year by reading 'The right to learn', which will inspire diary writing. Then we will read 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 the possible consequences of an accident or incident.



French

We will be learning how to say the date, including days of the week, months and numbers 1-31. Using this knowledge, we will ask and answer questions about the date and if it is someone's birthday.

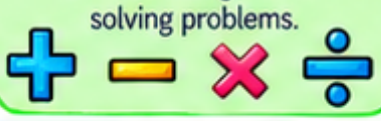


Our Topic: The Maya



Maths

We will begin by revising some 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.



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.



History

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



Science

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



Art

We will be studying Wassily Kandinsky's artwork and use this as inspiration for our own creation, further inspired by his favourite classic colour.



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 and the natural environment.



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How you can help your child at home...

Small steps make a big difference!

Working together for your child's success

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.
- Make sure that your child uses Spelling Shed weekly to practise their spelling words.

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.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

PRACTISE MAKES PROGRESS!

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.



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.



Sora

Open a world of reading

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 minutes 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 minutes extra breaktime on Friday.



Key dates:

Stone Farm Residential Trip

15th – 18th September



Thank you for your continued support!

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