



Year 5

Curriculum Map Autumn Term

2026

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achieve
succeed

English

Writing:

In Autumn 1, we will be studying the book, Queen of the Falls, which will enable children to write diary entries, letters, character descriptions, and partake in debates and discussions.

In Autumn 2, we will be reading The Lost Happy Endings which will inspire us to write our own traditional tales as well as some poetry.

Reading:

Through daily whole class reading sessions, children will continue to develop both their fluency and comprehension skills by engaging in discussion around high quality texts and exploring different genres. Children will then go onto answering vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summary questions related to topics. For our class book, we will be reading 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio.

Grammar:

Children will consolidate their use of sentence punctuation, inverted commas and fronted adverbials. Children will go onto develop their understanding of modal verbs, relative pronouns to form relative clauses, parentheses and develop cohesion in their writing.

Handwriting:

In Autumn 1, children will focus on joins from the ladder family l, i, j, y, u and t. In Autumn 2, they will focus on joins from the one-armed robot family n, m and h.

Spellings:

We will be covering the following letter patterns, prefixes and suffixes: words ending in '-tious' and '-ious', words ending in '-cious', words ending '-cial', words ending '-tial', words ending '-cial' and '-tial' and challenge words.

Maths

Unit 1: Place value

Children will learn to recognise, write, compare and order numbers up to 1,000,000. Children will also learn to use Roman numerals up to 1,000.

Unit 2: Addition and subtraction

Children will learn how to add and subtract numbers with more than four-digits both mentally and using formal written methods.

Unit 3: Multiplication and division

Children will begin to multiply and divide by numbers up to 1,000 and identify multiples, factors, square and prime numbers.

Unit 4: Fractions

Children will learn to recognise, order, compare, add and subtract a variety of fraction types.

Art and Design & Design Technology

DT (Autumn 1):

Children will begin to explore electrical systems and investigate how motors are constructed to build their own 'wobble bots'.

Art (Autumn 2): Children will learn about the features of installation art and how it can communicate a message.

Science

Autumn 1: Children will explore properties of everyday materials and why certain materials are suited to certain objects.

Autumn 2:

Children will then use this knowledge to design experiments to separate different mixtures, and explain different reversible and irreversible changes.

Music

Composition): Based on the theme of Ancient Egypt, children will learn to identify the pitch and rhythm of written notes and experiment with notating their compositions, developing their understanding of staff notation.

Blues: Children are introduced to this famous genre of music and its history, and learn to identify the key features and mood of Blues music and its importance and purpose.

History & Geography

History (Autumn 1): Children will learn about the Vikings, including who they were, when and why they came to Britain and what impact they had.

Geography (Autumn 2):

Children will learn what life is like in the Alps and where this is in the world, making links to everyday life in Britain.

Religious Education

Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?

Children will be investigating historical and modern-day examples of people who have fought for their beliefs. We will consider the notion of freedom and how religion impacts the freedom of self and others.

Why doesn't Christianity always look the same? We will investigate the spread of Christianity around the world by exploring how geography and history have influenced Christian beliefs and practices.

Learning for Life

How can I support my mind and body as I grow? Children will learn how everyday choices affect physical and emotional wellbeing by exploring nutrition, physical activity and self-regulation.

Why are healthy relationships important? Children will investigate identity, values and relationships by considering how experiences and beliefs can influence choices and behaviour.

French

Where I live

This term, we will be recapping some basic phrases we have learned. We will then be focussing on locations and directions. We will then be looking at describing things in the home and prepositions.

PE

Autumn 1: Children will learn about gymnastics and football, such as striking and dribbling in a controlled manner with the ball.

Autumn 2: Children will learn about fitness and basketball, working on endurance in fitness and dribbling skills and passing in basketball.

Computing

Sharing information:

Children will develop their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred.

Vector drawing

Children will learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images.