Year 5 2026-27

Term 2 Parent/Carer Overview

The Core

Reading

Reading

Every morning, your child will practice their reading skills in Book Club. Your child will bring home their Accelerated Reader book every day, which they can quiz on at home or at school. Your child will also use Reading Plus in school three times a week to further develop comprehension skills and increase their reading speed.

Daily, your child will be reading 'Varjak Paw' this half term. We can't wait to see what the skillful cat gets up to.

Writing

Varjak Paw by S.F. Said

Diary Entry – Your child will write a diary entry while developing key grammar skills, including the use of relative clauses, conjunctions, adverbials, precise vocabulary, paragraphs and accurate punctuation to create effective and engaging writing.

Maths

Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division

This half term, your child will consolidate strategies of column methods for addition and subtraction during arithmetic sessions. Your child will revisit the short multiplication method before moving onto long multiplication. This will be mirrored with division.
A key focus this term will be developing your child's ability to independently identify whether a multi-step problem requires addition, subtraction, multiplication or division. They will also strengthen their skills in interpreting and retrieving information from bar charts, line graphs and pictograms.

Science

Science was taught in Term 1.

The Creatives

Art & Design

A large focus for your child this year will be learning how to collect, experiment and develop their ideas imaginatively in their sketchbooks.

Printing & Sculpture
Children will use sketchbooks to develop and refine their ideas before creating Egyptian-inspired artwork. They will explore drawing, painting, colour mixing, pattern and symbolism while studying Ancient Egyptian artefacts and famous artworks.

Design & Technology

Design & Technology was taught in Term 1.

Music

Glockenspiels

Your child will grow in confidence with different musical instruments. Through exploring glockenspiels, your child will build on their knowledge and enjoy music from a different aspect using tuned percussion. With Mr Gillson, they will hone their skills on pulse, beat, rhythm and play simple harmonies.

The Humanities

Geography

Geography was taught in Term 1.

RE

Judaism

Your child will continue to learn about the religion of Judaism and compare different aspects to Christianity.

Christmas

They will also explore the themes of Christmas, including love, peace, joy and giving, from both religious and secular perspectives. They will consider how these themes are reflected in the Christmas story and in modern-day celebrations.

History

Ancient Egyptians

Your child will explore Ancient Egypt, learning about the River Nile, pharaohs, pyramids and society. They will investigate how people lived, compare different groups within Egyptian society, and use historical evidence to discover what life was like in this ancient civilisation.

The Wider Curriculum

PE

Swimming

Your child will develop their swimming technique, water confidence and understanding of water safety. They will work towards swimming 25 metres competently, confidently and proficiently using a range of strokes.

Indoor Athletics
With Mr. Lowerson, your child will further develop their skills in throwing, running and jumping.

Computing

Programming

Your child will use a programme called Scratch, where they will design a sequence which the programme will carry out. They will program inputs and add conditions and sensing for interaction, which will mean they are creating their own game. Once they are comfortable with the programme, they will take a pre-made Scratch game apart to see how it was created and start to fix pre-made errors within the games.

MFL

Je me présente (Presenting Myself)

Your child will further develop their greeting skills by developing conversational skills applying greetings, and responding.
As well, your child will increase their knowledge of numbers to 20, allowing them to answer the questions 'how old are you?' and 'where do you live?'

PSHE

Celebrating Differences

Your child will explore culture, diversity and belonging, learning why it is important to respect others and challenge discrimination. They will revisit bullying, including rumour-spreading and name-calling, and discuss what contributes to happiness and positive relationships.

Mini Police
They will take part in a Mini Police programme, learning about safety, responsibility, teamwork and how they can make a positive contribution to their community.