

Curriculum Letter – Year 5

Spring 2026

Happy new year!

The children have made a great start to the Spring term and are already working hard.

Our curriculum connector for this term is 'Home from Home'.

This will be a Geography based topic where we will look at Greater Manchester and then study Paris as a contrasting European region, before moving on to studying mountain ranges around the world and learning about how mountains are formed. In English and Science, we will be completing a cross curricular write using information texts to study the solar system and what it consists of, before studying a range of Science Fiction narratives. Later, we will be exploring the novel Skellig by David Almond, complimented by our class novel The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow. Our Science units, 'Earth and Space' and 'Forces' run alongside the texts studied in English to further support the ideas taught within these narratives



Connector-Home from Home	Skills
English	Information texts – The Solar System Science Fiction Novel on a Theme – Skellig by David Almond Poems with a structure – The Final Year and The First Year by Matt Goodfellow
Mathematics	Fractions B Multiplication and Division B Decimals and Percentages Perimeter and Area Statistics
Science	Earth and Space Forces
ICT	Create – photography, editing images E-safety, privacy and security, self image. Searching the internet, Boolean.
Geography	Local area and European contrast study (Paris). Mountains
RE	Hindu Dharma Christianity
PSHE	Safety and the Changing Body Citizenship
PE/Games	Dance Team building and Problem solving

Art/Design & Technology	Art – photography Design and Technology – Pneumatics
Music	Sing Up – Madina Tun Nabi

Homework

Year 5 children should be reading for at least 15 minutes each night, completing times table practice and learning their weekly spellings. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday, to be quizzed the following Monday. Maths and reading homework will be sent each Monday alongside the spellings.

Children are expected to change their own books and record this on Boom Reader. Children who read and have this logged on Boom Reader at least 3x a week will be entered into our class reading raffle.

Upcoming Events:

Museum of Lancashire

Our trip for the year is happening over two consecutive days. We are visiting the Museum of Lancashire for a World War 2 experience day to introduce our History unit for the Summer term. The children have really enjoyed our visits there over the last few years.

The children will be invited to come dressed up as evacuees on their day.

5H – Wednesday 29th April 2026

5B – Thursday 30th April 2026

Matt Goodfellow author visit

On Wednesday 6th May after our study of his verse novels and poetry the author Matt Goodfellow is coming to run a full morning visit with children in Year 5. He will start by doing an assembly for both classes with time for questions, before doing an hour's workshop in each class with an opportunity to have books signed. More information on this will follow later on in the term.

PE/Games Timetable

Every **Monday** and **Thursday** children will have PE. This will usually include some indoor and some outdoor activities.

Please ensure your child comes to school in full PE kit on that day, including kit suitable for outdoor PE.

Thank you for your support
Year 5