

Curriculum Letter – Year 5

Spring 2025



Happy new year!

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

Our theme 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 how mountains are formed. In English we start by exploring the novel Skellig by David Almond, complimented by our class novel The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow. Once our Geography unit is well underway we will be writing a persuasive magazine article convincing people to visit Greater Manchester then discovering a range of Science Fiction texts including E.T. before Easter. Our Science unit for the term is 'Material Properties' which will be split into the properties of different materials and separating mixtures, reversible changes and irreversible changes.

Connector-Home from Home	Skills
English	Novel on a Theme – Skellig by David Almond Persuasive writing – Visit Greater Manchester Poems on a theme Science Fiction
Mathematics	Graphs Reading tables Fractions
Science	Materials – mixtures and separation changes and properties
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	How can we help in an accident or emergency?
PE/Games	Dance Team building

Art/Design & Technology	Art – photography Design and Technology – Pneumatics
Music	Musical motif: Organise sounds into musical structures.

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 homework will be sent each Tuesday. Children should record homework in their planners.

Children are expected to change their own books and write down the title of the book in their planner. Children who read and have their planner signed at least 3x a week will be entered into our class reading raffle.

Planners:

Please try and keep all planners up to date. Please have them in school every day. Children are encouraged to record reading and share comments from parents. Any notes from myself will be written in your child's planner.

PE/Games Timetable

Every **Tuesday** 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
Mrs Horne and Miss Baxendale