

Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy - Autumn Term 2026

We are Year 5: Anne Frank



Welcome to Year 5 - Anne Frank

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready to return to school. As you are entering Year 5, we are set for an exciting and productive year ahead. It is lovely to meet all of the children and to start to get to know them! This term will be filled with engaging and stimulating learning opportunities and I look forward to working closely with you and watching them grow and learn over this time!

What are we learning this term?

Home reading

As readers, children should read every night to develop accuracy and fluency. An adult should then sign their reading record book to show this has taken place. We monitor and reward children for their efforts at home. It is important to hear your child read as this will help to build their confidence too.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will begin the term by developing our understanding of place value, including reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers up to one million. We will then focus on adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers with accuracy and efficiency, before revising multiplication and division methods to build fluency and confidence in problem-solving.

English

As writers, we will begin the autumn term by exploring portal stories that transport characters to another time and place. The children will then write their own portal story, developing imaginative settings and exciting plot twists. To support their writing, they will focus on using conjunctions to create complex sentences and building a richer vocabulary to add depth and detail.

RWV/ RSE

As philosophers, we will be considering why we should be good. Looking at different religions' approach to the question as well as philosophical ideas and viewpoints.

P.E.

We will take part PE will take place on a **Wednesday** and **Friday** this year. Your child may come dressed in clean PE kit for these days. Earrings and other items of jewellery must be removed for PE. and long hair should be tied back.

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - The Tudors

Geography - Europe

Science - Forces and Earth and space

Computing - Video editing

Art - Architecture

D.T. - Toys

R&W - Commitment to religions & The Trinity

RSE- Our Relationships

Music- Writing Music Down

PE- Hockey, Gymnastics, Tag Rugby

MFL-Parts of the head and body

Computing

As technicians, we will learning video skills such as capturing, editing and manipulating video.

They will put all of their learning together to create a short video of their own.

History

As historians, we will be learning about the Tudor period with a particular focus on the life of King Henry VIII and the events of his reign. We will investigate the profound changes that happened in the country during his time as King of England and consider his legacy.

Science

As scientists, we will be studying forces. We will be learning about different forces and how they work against each other in the physical world. To help the children to understand how these forces work, we will use practical investigations that include gravity and air resistance as well as other forces.

Geography

As explorers, we will be studying Europe. We will investigate some of the human and physical features of the continent including famous landmarks, mountain ranges and rivers as well as climate and population trends, looking at similarities and differences.

Art/ DT

This half term in Art, the children will be exploring architectural designs. In DT they will investigate children's toys and make their own.

Notes ...

In Year 5, homework will be set online, except for spellings. There will be no homework books. Our homework focus this year is **consistently reading five times a week** at home as well as accessing:

Mathletics - 1 task fortnightly www.mathletics.com/uk/

TTRS - please aim for 3x per week www.ttrs.com

Spelling Shed - weekly www.edshed.com

Logins are now in the Home School book for all three websites.

Children should practise their spellings on their spelling homework sheet, ready for a spelling test on a **Friday**.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day -filled **only** with water!

Thank you for your continued support; it is much appreciated! Mrs Sinfrosio