

Bramham and Shadwell Federation

Curriculum Newsletter: Class 5 April – May 2026



English	Maths	Science	Geography
<p>Focus Units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Writing:</u> <p>This half term, we will be focusing our guided reading and daily grammar lessons on 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore' by W.E. Joyce. We will be using the book to write a newspaper report, using key features such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parenthesis - Direct and reported speech - Past tense and 3rd person - Fronted adverbials to denote time, place, and frequency - Headlines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Reading:</u> <p>We will be recapping skills from the academic year. This will involve revisiting skills used for inference, authorial choice, predicting, and summarising and sequencing.</p>	<p>Focus Units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry <p>This half term, we will be focussing on exploring angles and shapes. We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identifying different types of angles ○ Measuring and drawing angles of a point ○ Exploring angles within a quadrilateral ○ Looking at regular and irregular polygons ○ Solving word problems about angles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position and Movement <p>Later in the half term, we will be exploring position and movement of shapes on grids. We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Naming and plotting points on a grid ○ Translating shapes on a grid ○ Describe movements of a shape along a grid ○ Describe reflections of a mirror 	<p>Focus:</p> <p>Life cycles of animals including humans</p> <p>Our science work will look closely the life processes of mammals – including humans, amphibians, reptiles, insects, and birds. During science lessons, we will investigate life cycles whilst identifying the similarities and differences between those of different animal classes.</p>	<p>Focus:</p> <p>How does water move around the Earth?</p> <p>This half term we will be focussing on rivers and how they impact the environment. We will begin by understanding the process of the water cycle. Then we will look at how rivers are formed and the processes involved with them. We will finish by considering how rivers impact human life.</p>

Art Landscape paintings	P.E: Football	French: Around the world	Computing: Vector graphics	PSHE: Careers, Financial Capability and Economic Wellbeing	Music: Instrumental - chime bars	RE: Why do some people go on pilgrimage?
<p>Children will be able to understand the composition of a landscape piece by identifying the middle ground, foreground, and background. We will explore how to create 3D perspective in a landscape piece. Our medium this term will be watercolours.</p>	<p>In PE this half term, Year 5 will be developing their football skills, practising passing, dribbling, and shooting, while taking part in fun, team-based games to build confidence and coordination.</p>	<p>Through speaking and listening, children will learn different countries and modes of transport in French. With writing opportunities, they will become more secure with French grammar.</p>	<p>In this unit, children will start to create vector drawings. They learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images.</p>	<p>Children will learn that money can be borrowed but there are risks associated with this. We will explore enterprise and what influences people's decisions about careers.</p>	<p>Children will continue to play the chime bars, learning new notes and playing rhythm patterns. They will play notes including C major, A minor, G major and F major. They will perform along with music and practice keeping a steady pulse.</p>	<p>Children will learn the special journeys that people make, including pilgrimages and spiritual journeys as well as metaphorical journeys through faith. It looks at some well-known pilgrimage destinations and the stories associated with them.</p>

Helping at Home

Here are some helpful reminders of the resources you can access at home to support your child's learning and key vocabulary that we would encourage you to explore with your child to help them with their learning.

English	Weekly English homework Spelling list Please support your child in reading for 15 minutes at least three days a week. Key Vocabulary: Newspaper, 3 rd person, parenthesis, reported speech, directed speech, article, headline, facts, witnesses
Maths	Weekly maths homework Online access to TT Rockstars – fluency with times tables is beneficial to a variety of topics within maths. Key vocabulary: angle, reflex, obtuse, right angle, acute, protractor, length, measure, quadrilateral, polygon, irregular, regular, translation, grid reference, x-axis, y-axis
Science	Key vocabulary: metamorphosis, cycle, mammal, amphibian, reptile, life expectancy, classification, hatchling, fledgling, embryo, reproduction, adaptation, gestation period
Geography	Key vocabulary: Water, Evaporation, Condensation, Precipitation, Collection, Source, Mouth, Tributary, Floodplain, Meander, Delta, Erosion, Transportation, Deposition
Art	Key vocabulary: Landscape, composition, foreground, middle ground, back ground, perspective, realistic, shade, tint, hues colour wheel
PE	Support your child by encouraging them to take responsibility for their own PE kit. By the time they leave KS2, we would expect children to be able to remember it is a PE day without any adult prompt.
French	How to describe different countries and their features in French - BBC Bitesize
Computing	Key vocabulary: vector, drawing tools, object, toolbar, vector drawing, move, resize, colour, rotate, duplicate/copy, zoom, select, align, modify, layers, order, copy, paste, group, ungroup, reuse, reflection
PSHE	Key vocabulary: loans, credit cards, debt, finance, enterprise, job, career, salary
Music	Key vocabulary: pulse, crotchet, quaver, pulse, beat, metre
RE	Key vocabulary: journey, responsibility, belief, pilgrimage, reflection, faith

Other ways to support at home:

- **Use money in real life:** Give children small shopping tasks or let them help with budgeting – great for developing practical maths skills such as counting, calculating change, and understanding value.
- **Explore outdoors:** Encourage curiosity by going on nature walks or bug hunts. Children can collect leaves, sketch what they see, or keep a simple nature journal – supporting science, observation, and vocabulary skills.

Dates for the Diary and any other information

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Children must come to school wearing their PE kits for the whole day.

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May – break for half-term

Friday 12th June – Progress Café – Yr 4,5,6

Wednesday 24th June – Sports Day

Monday 29th June- Wetherby High School Trip

Wednesday 8th July– Summer Production am –

9.45-11am, pm – 1.45-3pm

Thursday 9th July– Summer Production am - 9.45 - 11am

Friday 17th July – Last day of term!