



Sholing Junior School

Sholing Junior School Year 5 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Overview (topic, trips, focuses for this half-term)

Welcome back! Happy new year! We hope you had a beautiful Christmas filled with love, laughter and lots of chocolate! As we step into new beginnings, we can't wait to see what 2026 brings. With fun, new topics like Tennis, R.E trips and new books to dive into this half-term, we welcome you on the ride!

English

We have two new books to guide our reading and writing lessons this half term.
The first is 'Tales from Outer Suburbia' by Sean Tan.
The second is a poem called 'The Dreadful Menace' which was used to promote the Olympic Games in 2014. Children will use this to create their own poems on extreme weather.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about Fractions!
We will be expanding on pre-existing knowledge, focussing on converting mixed fractions into improper fractions, ordering and comparing fractions, as well as adding and comparing fractions and mixed numbers.



Science

In Science, we will be exploring and investigating Properties of Materials.
We will also relate this to the world around us by exploring reversible and irreversible changes and the water cycle – think evaporation and condensation!



Wider Curriculum

In Art, we will be studying and recreating the artwork of Picasso.
In RE, we will be exploring the concept of Stewardship in Islam. We will be learning about how Muslims believe that it is the responsibility of people to look after the world around them. In computing, the children will expand their coding skills. In Geography, we will be studying rivers.



PE

We are going to step into a new challenge in our outdoor PE as we take on tag rugby. While looking to improve our teamwork and agility, we are going to be starting a new journey with Dodgeball for our indoor PE. The aim for this half term is to be quick on our feet and move with speed and power.



Important Dates and Websites

Monday 5th January: INSET Day
Tuesday 10th February: Learning Celebration

<https://www.purplemash.com>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth>